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Drama as lifeboat plucks a kayaker from sea

PORHC A WL Omore-by-Sea last RNLI lifeboats were involved in a dramatic sea rescue when a kayaker was reported in difficulty off in command.

First on the scene was the Atlantic 85 Lifeboat, *Rose of the Shires*, with helmsman Joseph Missen in command.

Due to the conditions and the amount of time the kayaker had been in the water, the helmsman asked for further assistance from other lifeboats and a search and rescue helicopter.

A spokesman said that Porthcawl's D Class lifeboat was launched immediately, under the command of volunteer helmsman Paul Eastment, and raced to Omore by Sea to assist in the search.

They were informed that a member of the public could see a person in the water off Hardy's Bay, just half a mile east of Omore-by-Sea.

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IT'S REUNION NUMBER 49 FOR BRIDGEND HOSPITAL NURSES!



Report and Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN

Nurses at the Sandville who had their first reunion in 1967 – and are still meeting up!

VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS IN BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH

VOTERS in Bridgend county borough were off to the polls today (Thursday) to vote in the Bridgend and Omore constituencies.

Omore was singled out in a BBC Wales report earlier this week, labelled "the safest Labour seat in Wales" where Huw Irranca-Davies will be defending a majority of more than 13,000.

In Bridgend, Labour's Madeleine Moon is defending a much smaller majority (2,263), having polled 13,931 five years ago, ahead of the Conservatives' 11,668.

Polling booths will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday.

The 2015 general election has been labelled the most difficult one to call for many years.

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THE 49th anniversary of the League of Nurses, Bridgend General Hospital, was held again this year at the Sandville Self Help Centre, Sandville Court, Ton Kenfig.

When first launched in 1967 by Sister Gwyneth Poacher, the reunions were held in Quarrella Road, Bridgend, but for the last 24 years, the league has met at Sandville.

Next year will see the League of Nurses celebrate the 50th anniversary of these annual get-togethers.

Gwyneth Davies and Diane Woodhouse, then both 17-year-olds, started together as pre-nursing students on ward 3, under Staff Nurse Margaret Flower on the same day, April 6, 1950, in Bridgend General Hospital, Quarrella Road.

Six years later, they were to get married on the same day, June 2, 1956!

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Porthcawl in World War One

Ceri Joseph of Porthcawl museum looks back at May 1915



Sampson's joiner's shop on New Road.

DESCRIBED as 'The Greatest of All Crimes' (Glamorgan Gazette, May 14, 1915) the torpedoing of the Lusitania by a German submarine on May 7 resulted in the loss of 1,198 lives, including 128 Americans.

Horror and indignation was felt throughout the British Empire and America, despite the German U-Boat Captain Walter Schweiger insisting that the Lusitania's explosion was disproportionate to the one torpedo that was fired.

The German government further insisted that no crime had been committed, as the ship was carrying explosives. At the time, this was strongly denied.

However, in 2008 munitions found in the hold of the wreck suggest that the ship was carrying war materials, and as such was a legitimate target.

Nevertheless, at the time, the outrage felt did not only fuel the propaganda machine but led indirectly to America entering the war two years later.

Two of the 761 survivors were David Thomas, Lord Rhondda, and his daughter Lady Margaret Haig Thomas. Margaret Haig had been an active suffragist before the war, and with her mother Lady Sybil Thomas, had attended a Women's Suffrage meeting at the National School, Lias Road, Porthcawl, in April 1913.

Lord Rhondda became Minister for Food Control in 1917, during which time he introduced rationing.

It was the sinking of

another ship that had a bigger impact on Porthcawlians.

At 1.15am on May 13, 1915, while covering military landings at Morto Bay in the Dardenelles, three torpedoes from the Turkish torpedo boat, the *Muavenet-i Milliye* commanded by German Lt Commander Firlie, struck *HMS Goliath*.

The Goliath exploded and sank within minutes.

Among the 570 lives lost, out of 750 on board, were leading cook's mate William Hodgson, stoker David Robert Ockwell and stoker James Pearce.

On receiving the news, 'Horror seized the inhabitants of our town.' (Porthcawl News 20th May 1915.)

William Hodgson was born in Tenby, on May 18, 1888. Prior to joining the Navy on July 23, 1907 at Devonport, he worked as an indoor porter. He was assigned to the *Goliath* on July 30, 1914.

During his time in the Navy, his family had moved to 12 Railway Terrace, Porthcawl. His father William, born in the Doncaster Union Workhouse in 1864, had developed a successful plumbing and gas fitting business in Porthcawl.

By 1913, the family had moved to 21 George Street, Porthcawl. Leading cook's mate William Hodgson died five days before his 27th birthday.

David Robert Ockwell was born in Nottage, Porthcawl, October 16, 1875. Prior to joining the Navy on January 3, 1898 he worked as a collier in Penrhys, which may have had some influence on his decision to enlist as a stoker for 12 years.

Following the official end of his service on January 1, 1910, he

registered with the Naval Reserve.

He married Cecilia (Sissy) Collins in December 1909 and settled down in West Road, Nottage, where their son David Redman Abbot Ockwell was born in July 1911. His father Jacob, who had been a platelayer for the GWR before running the Nottage Stores (same location as today), died two months before David.

Previously, his sister Jennet had married Charlie Bragg, a well-known Porthcawl butcher. Being attached to the Naval Reserve, David was called up on August 2 and posted to serve on the *Goliath*, August 5, 1914. David was 39 years old.

'Jimmy' Pearce was born on January 7, 1880 in Beach House, William's Place, Porthcawl to Sarah and James Pearce who worked as a pilot at Porthcawl harbour. Jimmy joined the Navy on January 26, 1898 at Devonport and also served as a stoker.

On completion of his service, on November 21, 1908 he registered with the Naval Reserve. He married Annie in 1910 and they moved to White Horn, 4 Railway Terrace, Porthcawl where in 1912 Phyllis was born. Between leaving and then rejoining the Navy, Jimmy worked as a stoker at Langland's Colliery, Pyle.

Being attached to the Naval Reserve, he was called up on August 2. He was posted to serve on the *Goliath* August 5, 1914. Jimmy was 35 years old. All three men are commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

On May 15, the sinking of the *Goliath* resulted in Admiral of the Fleet Lord 'Jackie' Fisher resigning as First Sea Lord over his



18th Battalion 'Bantams'.



The Rest Home, Porthcawl.

disillusionment with the Dardenelles Campaign and its orchestrator Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. In the days following, Winston Churchill was relieved of his duties and a coalition government was formed.

The effect of the war was also beginning to impinge on social thinking. Attention was brought to the plight of 'limbless sailors and soldiers.' It was increasingly realised that the men disabled by war, discharged from hospitals, needed further care and support to help them integrate into society.

It was proposed that convalescent auxiliary hospitals be created, to aid the men in the fitting of their artificial limbs. Such convalescent hospitals were soon to be introduced throughout the country to cater for other emerging conditions.

The Rest Home, Porthcawl would become the St John auxiliary hospital in January, 1916.

Volunteer St John or Red Cross nurses would provide nursing care. In the May of 1915 Miss Edith Picton-Turberville addressed audiences, initially in Bridgend and later Porthcawl, appealing to women to assist in this area of war work.

She also advised women to help men be temperate by being temperate themselves; especially in Porthcawl, which was a military centre.

Despite the pressure of war Porthcawl traders felt that the coming season 'will be busy and profitable.' (Porthcawl News May 13, 1915.)

Advice for safe bathing places was promoted throughout the town and confidence in the coming season was further fuelled with the visit of 'Bostock & Wombwell's Travelling Zoo.' 'Unique animals never before seen in a travelling menagerie.'

It was also predicted that due to Italy now joining the Allies, an early peace was expected.

Finally, the benefit of

having soldiers in the town was appreciated when 'a fire of alarming character occurred in the joiner's shop belonging to Mr R Sampson, near the GW Railway Station.' (Glamorgan Gazette May 21, 1915.)

The Porthcawl Fire Brigade was under the command of Captain TE Deere, JP who unfortunately at the time was serving on the bench in Bridgend.

The 18th Battalion 'Bantams' were called out by bugle, and apart from helping to control the fire, had to fix bayonets to keep the crowd back. Mr Deere arrived within 25 minutes to oversee the situation. Thankfully, no one was injured.

Join me next month to read about Porthcawlians who became prisoners of war.

CERI JOSEPH

• Visit Porthcawl Museum: weekly opening times, Tuesday to Friday 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm; Saturdays 10am - 4pm, Sundays 11am - 3pm.



HMS Goliath.



Lady Margaret Haig Thomas.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
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08 Fri	09.49	9.4	22.10	9.2
09 Sat	10.31	9.1	22.57	9.0
10 Sun	11.24	8.7	23.50	8.5
11 Mon			12.21	8.3
12 Tues	00.59	8.3	13.37	8.2
13 Wed	02.16	8.3	14.56	8.3
14 Thur	03.28	8.6	16.06	8.8

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Council is nominated for excellence in deaf services

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (CBCB) is one of seven deaf-friendly organisations in Wales shortlisted for the new 'Excellence Wales Award', launched by Action on Hearing Loss to recognise businesses and organisations that go the extra mile to ensure they are accessible to the one-in-six people who are deaf or have hearing loss.

The council has been recognised by the charity for provisions such as sign-language training and deaf awareness training for front-line staff; assistive technology including a hearing loop system; a sign video facility in the customer service centre; and online BSL videos giving information for deaf customers.

As a result of these accessible services, the council has been accredited with the Action on Hearing Loss 'Louder than Words' charter for the past three years. It was also presented with an award from the British Deaf Association in 2014 for steps made towards achieving full BSL charter status.

The Leader of CBCB, Coun Mel Nott, said: "As a council, we have

worked closely with people who are profoundly deaf, those who have acquired deafness and those with hearing loss.

"We are thrilled to be nominated for Action on Hearing Loss Excellence Wales Award for our commitment to deaf and hard of hearing customers, and we will continue to consult with specific groups to make sure that we are offering accessible services."

An independent judging panel will decide on gold, silver and bronze category winners, which will be announced at the Action on Hearing Loss Cymru Gala dinner on May 15 at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff.

Richard Williams, the director of Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, said, "We'd like to congratulate all shortlisted entrants, who are recognised for the steps they are taking to be accessible to the 530,000 people in Wales who are confronting deafness, tinnitus and hearing loss."

"We hope that more organisations across Wales will see them as role models."

To find out more or to book tickets to the gala dinner, visit www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk#

LIFEBOAT RESCUE FOR KAYAKERS



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The lifeboats made their way there, and found the kayaker in the water.

"They pulled him into the lifeboat, and it was clear that he was suffering from severe hypothermia, and as the helicopter was in the area, the helicopter winched the kayaker from the lifeboat and took him straight to hospital," said deputy launching authority Aileen Jones.

"Thanks to the quick thinking and actions of our volunteer RNLI crew members, who all responded promptly to this call from their places of work, school and homes, to crew the

lifeboats meant that this rescue came to a successful conclusion, with the kayaker found, and taken to hospital by helicopter.

"Our RNLI volunteer crew members give up their own time to train twice every week for this type of rescue. We would just like to remind people who use the sea to ensure that they inform a friend or relative that they are going to sea, and let them know what time and where they will be returning to. Also, where practical, try not to go alone, always with a friend."



ABOVE: Current members of Maesteg Rotary Club.

Maesteg Rotary celebrates its 70th charter

THE Rotary Club of Maesteg celebrated its 70th charter with a gala dinner at the Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Maesteg, on May 2.

President Viv Gage had a number of top table guests, including district governor Sandra Townsend and her husband Peter, together with presidents of Porthcawl, Port Talbot and Bridgend Rotary clubs and Labour candidate Huw Irranca-Davies and his wife Joanna.

Special guest was Dr Elizabeth Jones past international president of Inner Wheel and Morriston Rotary Club was well represented with 12 of their club attending.

The attendance of over 70 guests showed how well thought of the club is in Maesteg and although members total only eight in number, they still continue to raise funds for local and international charities and have recently contributed to a Shelter Box

for the disaster in Nepal.

Many former Rotarians helped with the celebrations and Inner Wheel clubs were well represented, including past district chairmen Menna Davies and Daphne Harries and chair of Maesteg Inner wheel Mai Jones and her husband Ralph.

After the formal part of the evening, entertainment was provided by Dennis Lang comedian/vocalist and everybody agreed the evening was a huge success.

The club would like to thank everyone who came to help celebrate this amazing achievement and as always makes an appeal for anyone, male and female, who feel they could follow the motto 'service above self' and would like to join the club.

Contact Tal Harries on 01656 711078, Viv Gage on 01639 870442 or join us at The Old House Llangynwyd, every second Monday.

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FLORAL DEMO IN PENCOED

THE Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association is staging a floral demonstration on Wednesday, May 20 in the Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall, Pencoed, CF35 5PE (doors open at 7pm). Tickets are £5 per person.

Anne Rose will be presenting and has exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show. She has been very involved with Interflora over many

years, and is a member of NAFAS and the Flower Guild of Lincoln Cathedral.

Anne previously visited Pencoed in 2013 and gave a very high quality demonstration which was very well received by all those who attended.

All the demonstration items will be raffled at the end of the evening.

For tickets, contact Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633 or email: eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com.

CAB in Pyle

BRIDGEND County borough's Citizens Advice Bureau is holding one to one sessions at KPC in Pyle to give advice and help in dealing with debt, managing a budget and benefits entitlements.

To book a slot at the sessions, which will run on a Thursday (today), 10am - 12 midday. Call Alison on 01656 749219.

The next session will be today (Thursday) and from then on will run on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Town hall's AGM

ON Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm Maesteg Town Hall is holding its 2015 AGM.

Louise Ralph, business development manager for Maesteg Town Hall said: "We have had a very exciting year; our first programme of events has seen a wide variety of performances with audiences growing steadily. The future for Maesteg Town Hall is bright, with many further developments planned."

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Pasty purchase wins Ed a £5,000 holiday



Ed Parks is told the good news by Peter's pies.

A BRIDGEND pasty fan will be going on the holiday of a lifetime after winning £5,000 Thomson holiday vouchers with Peter's Pies.

Ed Parks, (aged 38), won the prize after buying a Peter's Corned Beef Pasty promotional multi-pack from his local Sainsbury's in The Derwen, Bridgend.

Ed said: "Peter's corned beef pasties are my favourite, anyway, but when I saw the £5,000 Thomson

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DISABLED KIDS' HELPING HAND FROM THE ABMU

NEW equipment paid for by an ABMU grant is already bringing a smile to the faces of disabled youngsters at a Bridgend centre.

Y Bont, which provides care for disabled children and support for their families, has just taken delivery of special seats and mobility aids, thanks to ABMU's Changing for the Better grant scheme.

A £1,300 donation from the fund has been used towards the cost of two P Pods, specialist adjustable seating which allow children to sit up independently and two Scoots which give them the chance to ride or crawl along the floor.

Delighted general manager at Y Bont, Marged Griffiths, said: "We were thrilled to have this support. It is already making a huge difference to children's lives enabling them to become more independent and to develop their motor skills - while having fun."

She said the P Pod had allowed one young service user, Jack Vincent, to be able to sit alongside his friends at mealtimes for the very first time.

"I just wish we had filmed the look of delight on his face," The Scoots give

children the chance to turn wheels or push themselves along while lying down and can help improve their core strength.

They have already encouraged one child to crawl and have been used outside, giving children the opportunity to move around freely and experience movement in a fun way.

Y Bont, based in Ewenny Road, is an independent not-for-profit organisation where staff and volunteers help disabled children to learn and play.

It also offers a range of out-of-school activities, parent workshops and specialist parent support groups.

Marged added: "As a small local charity we rely heavily on the local community and organisations to continue helping us and our work with children."

ABMU's assistant director of planning, Joanne Davies, said: "This is the second year of the health board's grant scheme and we continue to be delighted with the difference these small sums of money can make to our population."

"We are committed to improving our population's health, wellbeing and independence and the equipment bought for Y Bont is already doing that for some of our youngest residents."



Jack Vincent tries out one of the new P Pods.



Tristan Harrison in the Scoot.

How Pat became inspired by felt!

A well-attended April meeting of Sker WI was held on April 9 in St David's Church Hall, Nottage.

President Nora Williams addressed the meeting, and secretary Cynthia Sidey read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and signed, together with WI news.

The speaker was Mrs Pat Johnson, whose subject was 'What goes on in my shed'. The intriguing title was only surpassed by the talented lady herself, who after retiring from schoolteaching studied the art of felt-making for three years.

She humorously demonstrated the complex process and history of felt-making. Samples of silks and raw fleece wool accompanied her talk, with countless lovely garments, hats and scarves in her range on display, and for sale. Each garment is quite unique.

She modelled her hats, some of which were quite comical and her antics brought the house down.

May 14 is the annual meeting, when members will be parading in their 'Ascot' finery to compete for the prettiest hat.

Blood Pressure Day helps local residents

First Minister Carwyn Jones having his blood pressure checked by nurse Heather Jenkins.



SATURDAY, April 18, was 'Know Your Blood Pressure' day and Porthcawl Rotarians invited residents and visitors to have their blood pressure measured.

One hundred and seventy three people called into Trinity Church to avail themselves of this free test. Of this number, 41 were advised to see their GP and five were urgent referrals.

Hopefully, the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, in

conjunction with the Stroke Association, has helped raise awareness of how important it is for people to have their blood pressure checked.

High blood pressure is a key risk factor for stroke, which can strike at any age, and is one of the top three causes of

death and the single largest cause of disability.

The Rotarians are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who worked throughout the day, especially the health care professionals who gave their time so freely.

Cadet Dylan seeks sponsorship for trip to Hong Kong

A young schoolboy volunteer is looking for sponsors - to help him raise money to attend an international youth event next year.

Dylan Pritchard, 13, a member of the Pencoed-Bridgend Division of St John Cymru-Wales, is collecting funds to take part in the St John International Cadet Championships in Hong Kong next January.

The youngster needs £2,500 to join 11 other St John members from across Wales at the event, where they will compete in first aid competitions against St John youths from across the world. "Being part of St John Cymru-Wales helps our members learn new skills, boost confidence and get an insight into team-working, which will help them as they move towards the world of work," said Sy



Dylan Pritchard

Joshua, Director of Youth.

"The Hong Kong event will also help them further develop their skills, so they can pass them on to other St John members in future."

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AM's praise for Bridgend's new cultural centre

SHADOW Welsh Culture Minister Suzy Davies has paid a visit to Bridgend's new cultural centre at Carnegie House.

Suzy, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM, was shown around what was the town's old library by Bridgend Mayor Bob Burns who also chairs the new board that runs the centre.

She was shown the new multi-purpose room on the ground floor which is being used for a number of activities including staging plays, putting on comedy nights and a variety of other events.

Upstairs, the building houses Bridgend Town Council and Mrs Davies saw the newly installed council chamber, offices for staff and another function room which is also available to hire.

Coun Burns explained that the town council have now become the owners of the building and are responsible for

all the repairs and maintenance Work is underway on the Grade 2 listed façade at present.

Mrs Davies said: "This is a very impressive building right in the heart of Bridgend. I am glad that it has been retained for the use of the community and I congratulate Bridgend Town Council for having the courage to take it on."

"They took a bit of a gamble but it is now paying dividends as the building is in big demand."

"It is a wonderful extra addition to the facilities available for public use within the town."

The centre is also used as a base by Bridgend Arts Ltd which organises a number of cultural activities there.

The AM added: "This is a great example of a community helping itself thanks to the foresight of the town council and the dedication of those willing to give up their time to sit on the board. I wish it every success."

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Construction site dangers highlighted to local school pupils



Safety mascot Ivor Goodsite with pupils at Pil Primary School.

VALLEYS to Coast (V2C) has been working with a local primary school recently to educate children on the dangers of construction sites.

Every year, two or three children are killed and many more are injured while entering and playing on construction sites.

Together with building contractor Wates Living Space, V2C project teams visited Pil Primary School to speak to the children on the dangers of construction tools and machinery, the risk of falling into trenches and holes or being struck by moving vehicles.

V2C senior projects officer Marc Jones said: "At V2C we take the safety of our building work very seriously. Construction sites can be dangerous places even for trained employees,

never mind children. With the summer holidays fast approaching, we wanted to make sure that following the recent work in the Pyle area, the community remain safe and understand the potential dangers around construction sites."

Joining V2C and Wates at the school was the Wates friendly construction mascot, 'Ivor Goodsite' who spoke about keeping safe around construction sites and invited them to create their own 'Ivor Goodsite' facemask, for which prizes were given.

Neil Pryce, the headteacher at Pil Primary commented: "The children really enjoyed the sessions. 'Ivor' was a big hit with the younger children, while the older ones said they learnt a lot about on-site safety. The Wates' staff were very enthusiastic and worked alongside the children to

get the important message across in a fun manner, but always stressing the importance of staying safe at all times."

Debra Thomas of Wates construction said: "Many of the school children had seen the work that we have been doing on Beech Road to our tenanted properties and so really responded to the lessons we were trying to teach them."

Step out with ramblers on a Big Welsh Walk

PEOPLE in Bridgend are being encouraged to step out and discover the wonders of walking in Wales this May during Ramblers Cymru's Big Welsh Walk.

From nature walks to family-fun coastal wanders, the Big Welsh Walk has something for everyone to enjoy. During the event Bridgend Ramblers will be offering people free walks/a free short walk.

A spokesman said: "We have a varied programme of walks from gentle strolls to challenging hilltop rambles. See our website www.bridgendramblers.co.uk for details or check the Ramblers' website at www.ramblers.org.uk/ BigWelshWalk.

"Whether you're eight or 80, we want as many people as possible to step out for a walk with us during the month of May."

"For more information, call the Ramblers press office on 0207 339 8531 or 07584 848083 (out of hours), email press@ramblers.org.uk, or visit www.ramblers.org.uk. You can also follow Facebook - www.facebook.com/ramblers and Twitter twitter.com/RamblersCymru."

TABERNACL CONCERT AT CHAPEL



The Tabernacl Music Society.

THE Tabernacl Music Society's next concert, conducted by musical director Matthew Nash, will be on Sunday, May 17 at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend at 7.30pm.

A spokesman said: "The choir will perform Elgar's *Spirit of England* with orchestra, together with other works.

"The choir is delighted that Charlotte Ellett, a well-known local soprano from Bridgend, will be singing with us in Elgar's *Spirit of England*."

There is something for everyone in this concert and it promises to be a delightful evening. Tickets: £10, students £5, available from choristers, at the door or contact 01656 665393.

The spokesman added: "We are currently looking for keen and enthusiastic singers to join the choir - please note that there is no formal audition. For full details on how to join the choir, please go to the 'contact' section on our website, cor-tabernacl-choir.co.uk."

Big Apple beckons for apprentice Jasmine



A ONCE-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience what it's like to be a hairdresser in New York awaits a Bridgend apprentice next month.

Jasmine Jones, 18, who works for Splitz haircutters, Maesteg, is

one of three learners selected by ISA Training, the largest independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales, to spend five days in the Big Apple at the end of May.

ISA Training, based in Pencoed, Bridgend, is funding the visit by the apprentices and three members of staff as part of the company's Oyster Project, which is based on the saying 'The world is your oyster'.

Jasmine, who has completed her foundation apprenticeship and is progressing to an apprenticeship, said: "I still can't believe that they picked me. I can't wait to go and meet everyone and learn as much as I can."

"Everything about New York appeals to me, including the lifestyle and all the different cultures."

"Disabled Go is the leading provider for access information for disabled people in the UK, featuring over 120,000 places of interest which has been visited in person by one of their specialist surveyors. "Gathered data will be loaded onto the Disabled Go website, where local disabled people can have information at their finger tips before they choose to visit a particular venue. "For further information, visit www.disabledgo.com."

Disabled access review of more than 200 local venues

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) has commissioned 'Disabled Go' to undertake access review of almost 200 venues across the region.

A spokesman said:

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Your chance to share community news...

Good luck!
CHORISTERS of Omore Valley Male Voice Choir have been rehearsing since last October to perform in the Royal Albert Hall, London on Saturday, May 9.

The choir will be joining 24 other choirs from Wales to form the 1,000 voice Welsh choir.

The choir rehearses at Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Omore Vale on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm; new members always welcome.

Choir thanked
RICHARD Howells, secretary of the Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch (Boys of Coytrahean and District) male choir has sent me a copy of a letter he has received from Rosemary Brown – chairperson of the Kenilworth branch of Cancer Research UK.

She thanks the choir for performing in a recent concert with Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir at the parish church of St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh.

She was pleased that the concert raised over £3,000 for Cancer Research UK, a truly magnificent sum, and thanks everyone involved.

The choir rehearses at Tondur cricket club, Bryn Road, Tondur on Sundays

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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(6pm to 8pm) and Tuesdays (7pm to 9pm). New members and visitors welcome.

Choir invite
IN remembrance of Rita Catt, a founder member of Cŵr Merched Cwm Llwyfi, the choir would like to invite past members to join in singing the final item at the concert to celebrate Rita's life.

It takes place on Friday, May 22, at 7pm in the Catholic church of Our Lady and St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg. Rehearsals take place on May 3 and 20, 7pm in the church.

One-act plays
BRIDGEND Castle Players is performing in a series of one-act plays titled 'An Evening of Entertainment' tomorrow (Friday, May 8) at Aberkenfig Welfare Hall at 7.30pm.

On May 9 at Omore Vale Non-Political Club, the performance will be in conjunction with Nantymoel Community Association (7.30pm).

On May 10 at Coytrahean Community Centre, curtain up is at 7pm.

Tickets cost £6 each and will be available beforehand through the Bridgend Castle Players' website or on the door of each performance.

Plant sale
LALESTON Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale and coffee morning at Cliff Cottage, High Street on Saturday, May 9 between 10am and 12 noon.

The club invites the public to a talk by Don Knight, who will be recounting his experiences when building his Japanese style garden on May 11 at 7.30pm in Cliff Cottage.

The club has a thriving ladies' section, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays in the month in the same venue at 7.30pm; new members are always welcome.

School awards
TYNRYHOOL Primary School, Llangainor, has presented certificates to the pupil in each class who has best displayed 'Perseverance', the value for this week.

Class 1 – Ashley Matthews, for spelling words more independently.

Class 2 – Layla Matthews, for persevering to improve her handwriting.

Class 3 – Gethin Lewis, for showing perseverance in maths to improve his scores in tests.

The PTFA is organising a duck race on Sunday, May 24. If you would like to purchase a duck (or two) Miss Crowle is now selling them in the office for £1 each.

Four pupils took part in the second round of the Bridgend and district basketball trials. They were all commended for their attitude and commitment, but special congratulations go to Rieley Fletcher, who has been successful in obtaining a place in the district team to represent Bridgend in competitions.

Tygan Crocker, Shannon Matthews, Madison Parry, Ellie Street and Rhosyn Wong competed in the Bridgend road safety quiz finals and achieved seventh place.

Gethin Lewis won two gold medals, Nia Lewis a gold and a bronze medal, Erin Quigley a bronze medal and Paige Penny and Zoe Baird received medals for taking part in

a recent karate competition. Well done to you all!

Friends evening

FRIENDS of Tyncoed Surgery Sarn committee are organising a ladies' evening at the Sarn Community Centre on May 13 between 7pm and 9.30pm.

It is raising funds for an ambulatory blood pressure monitor.

Patients and non-patients will be able to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends, mini-treatments including reflexology, manicures, pedicures and aloe vera facials and lifestyle advice from a range of healthcare professionals.

Entry £2, to include a glass of wine or soft drink, and each mini-treatment will cost £2.

Tennis lessons
PONTYCYMER Tennis Club is offering free tennis lessons to children under 13 between 5pm and 6pm, and 14 to adults from 6pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, by registered lawn tennis coach, Glyn Walters.

The club is located by Park Street, Pontycymer, and asks for a small donation of £1.50 to replace damaged tennis balls and strings on the racquets.

For more information, telephone Glyn on 01656 870955.

Helping Hands

TONDU Primary School invites carers and relatives pupils to the school's Meadow Street building on Mondays from 10.30am to 11.30am to join the Helping Hands group, to help prepare resources for the children at the school.

The following pupils attained 100 per cent attendance at the school last term.

Mrs Ashton's class
Afan: Esme Davies, Hywel Evans, Laila Jones, Imogen Lewis, Evan Pope.

Mrs Jones/Mrs Goldsworthy's class
Cynffig: William Ockwell-Bowen, Leon Elliott, Jack Rose, Isabelle Thomas, Elaine Wang.

Mrs Richards/Mrs Goldsworthy's class
Ewenni: Mali Davies, Ben Featham, Abigail Jones, Logan Kinsman, Chloe Liu, Jayden Reeves, Charlotte Stovell, Jack Wang.

Mrs Pugh's class
Garw: Jake Dyke, Joshua Popham, Summer Ruck, Darcey Tapner, Ben

Thomas, Williams, Tristan Emily Williamson.

Mr Thomas' class
Llynfi: Carwyn Barry, Noah Barry, Levi Harry, Brandon Hearse, Jorja Hillman, Logan Hubbard, Lara Morris, Elis O'Connor, Joshua Powell, Sam Thomas, Annabel Ward.

Miss Davies' class
Ogwr: Jamie-Lee Baker, Maisie Fahey, Iona-Grace Panter, Maddie Rose, Fabian Tapner, Daniel Trebble, Aleksei Wood.

Miss Hopkin's class
Rhondda: Sophie Barrett, Josie Chan, Melina Dewson, Bethan Hopkins, Tia Richards, Luke Thomas, Olivia Webb, Daniel Williams, Tamzin Williams.

Miss Jones' class Taf:
Ethan Baker, Libby Barrett, Jerry Chan, Ellie-Mai Davies, Iestyn Ellis, Evie Higgins, Jorja Higgins, Keiran O'Connor, Cleo Tapner, Cariad Westlake, Iestyn Williamson, Luka Wood.

Mr Lewis' class Usk:
Kian Edwards, Tia Featham, Owain Hopkins, Liam Lloyd, Kelsie Mably, Frazer Marshall, Bethanie Trebble, Christopher Williams, Joseph Williams.

The PTA are already making plans for the summer fete on Friday, June 26. It would appreciate help with one of its new stalls – the Rainbow Tombola raffle.

Each class has been given a colour and the PTA would like the children to bring in something in their class colour. This then goes into the class box to be made into a prize. Afan – Red, Cynffig – Orange, Ewenni – Yellow, Garw – Green, Llynfi – Blue, Rhondda – Purple, Ogwr – Pink, Taf – Brown, Usk – Black or white.

Royal Society competition

I WOULD like to thank James for this information, who with another staff member at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Mrs Francis Thomas, travelled with a chemistry team to Loughborough College. The team comprised Jade Bissmire, Bronwyn Hughes, Shania Nooradeen, Chloe Thomas and competed in the Royal Society for Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' finals.

There were 25 teams from all areas of the United Kingdom competing, but unfortunately the Y Dderwen team did not make the final top places.

The competition was based on the theme of food with a quiz in the morning and an analytical practical task in the afternoon.

All the pupils were asked to vote for the project they most liked, with the home medical diagnosis kit project proving the most popular.

'It was a tough six hour slog' Brave Alice conquers London marathon for cancer charity

by GEM REPORTER

A brave young mum from St Athan has completed the London Marathon and raised £3,200 for charity.

Alice Roythorne (38) who has been diagnosed with cancer twice and is mother to 10-year-old Macie, told The GEM it had been a real slog.

Alice said: "It was an incredible experience, the support along the course is phenomenal. "It was wonderful to have family and friends there to support me. It really gave me a boost."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the first half – then suffered excruciating pain in my knees so it was a tough six-hour slog but nevertheless I got there!"

"I was so proud to get my medal and even prouder to have raised over £3,200 for Cancer Research UK."

Alice initially found out she had Hodgkin's Lymphoma while she was pregnant in 2003. She was nearly 10 years free from cancer when she was re-diagnosed in 2013 and started a year of treatment for Ewing's sarcoma.

Alice explained: "I finished treatment in



ABOVE:
A triumphant Alice. RIGHT: The medal for completing the marathon.



February 2014 – it had been an exhausting year but I have always liked doing challenges and did the Race for Life 'Pretty Muddy' event in the summer, followed by the Welsh Three Peaks later in the year."

Now, she's added the London Marathon to her list of achievements.

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr G Hando – **Rear of 47 Cwm Felin, Blackmill** – Reduce height and side growth of five trees ((1992) OBC NO. 10).

Mr N Fricker – **Cefn Gelli Fields, Bettws Road, Llangainor** – Proposed horse stables.

Mr Peter Bader – **6 St Davids Way, Porthcawl** – Ground floor rear and side extensions.

Dr Noel Thomas – **Bron y Garn Surgery, Station Road, Maesteg** – Change of use from doctors' surgery to self-contained unit and revert reception room into residential for Bron y Garn.

Miss Sharon Teague – **10 Llwyn Coch, Broadlands** – Convert an integral garage into a living space.

Mr S Yildiztekin – **First and second floors, 25 Wyndham Street, Bridgend** – Change of use from vacant space above shop to four one-bedroom flats.

Redrow Homes Ltd – **Plot 28 Afon Gardens, Abergarw Road, Brynmynyn** – Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include a rear conservatory extension.

Mr Paul Trelop – **Former Calfarfa Chapel, Mill Street, Maesteg** – Change of use of former chapel to domestic dwelling.

Mr and Mrs A Davies – **5 Clevis Crescent, Newton, Porthcawl** – Single storey granny annex.

W L Squared Ltd – **47 Park Street, Bridgend** – Change of use: one bed flat on first floor, office space on lower and ground floors, new staircase and car parking.

Mr G Evans – **36 Sunnyside, Bridgend** – First floor rear extension.

Mr G Thomas – **77 Severn Road, Porthcawl** – Single storey rear extension and alterations.

Mr Clyde Davies – **6 Caldys Close, Nottage, Porthcawl** – Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed sunroom extension.

Mr and Mrs A Walmsley Williams – **18 Carlton Place, Porthcawl** – First floor dormer extension, new balcony to rear, new bay window to ground floor living room and internal alterations.

Mr C Brennan – **44 Pant Morfa, Porthcawl** – Second floor rear extension.

Gemma Hale – **West House, Bryngarn, Rhwceiliog, Bridgend** – Two storey extension.

Mr D Rees – **33 Pen Parcau, Bettws** – Ramped access from public footpath to front entrance door.

Mr M Webb – **11 South Road, Porthcawl** – Revised layout showing reduced distance of proposed garage block to main wall of 4 Philadelphia Road.

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Consultation into Garw Valley South scheme is launched

A COUNCIL consultation has been launched into a proposal to build a new one-form entry school for Welsh-medium pupils in Betws.

Staff, parents, pupils, governors and the local community will be asked to have their say on the proposal to relocate Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw from Pontycymer to a new facility on the existing Betws Primary School site.

The cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has also approved the creation of a new English-medium primary school on the school playing fields for Betws pupils, together with a nursery, nurture provision and facilities for children with hearing impairments.

Betws Primary School was extensively damaged by an electrical fire in 2012, and children have had to be taught in temporary classrooms ever since.

The consultation

period was launched on April 21 and will close on June 1. Copies of the consultation papers are available online at www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Our intention is to ensure that the pupils of YGG Cwm Garw and Betws Primary School don't miss out on brand new school buildings."

"We have to take action now, not later, if we want to ensure that pupils can benefit from new facilities while funding from the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme is still available."

"I'm pleased that we have been able to find a way forward for YGG Cwm Garw and Betws Primary School, and I would urge as many people as possible to get involved with the consultation."

LOCAL FAMILY'S FEARS ABOUT NEPAL AFTER EARTHQUAKE

A COWBRIDGE family has spent an anxious week trying to find out if relatives and friends in Kathmandu were still alive after the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal.

Their concern was for all the people they knew there, and also for three schools that their charity – funded by people in the Vale – has built over the last 10 years.

Samantha Allen lived in Kathmandu for several years with her Nepalese husband, Raju Tamang, before moving back to Cowbridge in 2012.

Samantha first visited Nepal in 2004, and subsequently went back with her father David. When he returned to the Vale, the enthusiastic reaction to talks that he gave to various organisations led to the setting up of their charity.

She met Raju, who was a guide on treks to Everest base camp, and they married in a Buddhist ceremony in June, 2006. They returned in 2012 when Samantha was pregnant with their little girl Rosalie.

Samantha told The GEM: "We knew Nepal was at risk of an earthquake but it was still such a shock when it actually happened."

When the devastating news broke, the rest of the day was spent frantically trying to get news of family and friends. Eventually,

by PHILIP IRWIN

a family member posted on Facebook that everyone was safe and unharmed.

"It was an enormous relief," said Raju.

Efforts then turned to searching for news from Raju's parents' village in a rural region, north east of Kathmandu called Dolakha.

David said: "Over the years, Vale residents have been incredibly supportive of our small charity that operates in Dolakha and Kathmandu."

"We are happy to report that most of the families and children we support have been accounted for."

Raju said: "We believe a couple of families may have left Kathmandu in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, so we are still trying to get contact them."

Sadly, on the day that The GEM spoke to Samantha and Raju, he had heard that one relative had been found dead in the rubble of a Kathmandu building.

On the subject of the area where their charity operates, David said: "The buildings in the Dolakha villages have not fared so well."

"It is estimated that at least 80 per cent have collapsed, including Raju's parents' home. The three schools built by the charity are still standing but need assessing for damage, as some are cracked and nobody wants to venture

inside yet due to the continuing aftershocks.

"In a way, we were lucky," said Raju. "The quake happened during the day on a Saturday when the villagers were outside planting crops or doing chores. It could have been much worse."

The damage to the schools is a real worry, as the community made huge efforts to build them.

David said: "The first time Raju took me to them, it was a seven-hour bus ride, followed by a three-hour trek. The same distance in the UK would have been a 45-minute drive!"

"When it came to building the school, bags of cement were taken as far as possible, and then the women of the village carried that cement over the same three-hour walk!"

Raju added: "Some women did that twice in one day."

David said: "The Nepalese are the nicest, most honest people you could meet. They are also incredibly hard-working and very resilient."

"It is cruel that they have to contemplate rebuilding, but I can't think of a more determined group of people."

He added that people in the Vale can be assured that charitable donations, which are now desperately needed, would be used to maximum effect by the Nepalese villagers.

If anyone wants to help, please visit www.aidfornepalchildren.org.uk



(Left to right): David Allen, Samantha Allen, Rosalie, and Raju Tamang.

Coastwatch set to take over Old Pilot Lookout

A FAMILIAR landmark is being given a new lease of life – as part of the Bridgend County Borough Council's harbourside redevelopment programme in Porthcawl.

With Townscape Heritage funding, the refurbishment of the Old Pilot Lookout at the eastern end of the Esplanade is almost complete and the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) is to take over the lookout and operate a coastal surveillance operation during daytime hours and peak periods from early this summer.

This is particularly important as HM Coastguard at Swansea has closed and the nearest reporting station for all coastal and maritime emergencies is now at Milford Haven.

Even with the local volunteer Coastguard onshore rescue units, the RNLI and other emergency services on 24-hour standby, there is no other regular visual surveillance of our coastline both onshore and offshore.

All our coastal users, swimmers, surfers, kitesurfers, kayakers, sailors and walkers will be reassured when they know that there is a highly-trained watchkeeping team ready to respond immediately a problem is spotted or reported to them.

All the staff at the lookout will be unpaid volunteers from the area and will be trained to a high standard. They will pay their own costs for travelling and uniforms.

Training takes around six months and more



Volunteers will be moving in to the watchtower when refurbishment work is complete.

volunteers would be welcome. Porthcawl RNLI manager Phil Missen has allowed the use of the crew room for winter and on-going training in preparation for the opening.

During emergencies and at other times, NCI stations can be asked to work closely with the local RNLI crews, coastguard, search and rescue helicopters, police and ambulance services.

Stations can be designated as 'forward command posts' in the event of a major incident, when they can be used by the emergency services to communicate and co-ordinate.

It is anticipated that the Porthcawl NCI station will be open initially at weekends during the summer months and on Bank Holidays, from 09.30am through to 8pm, with two watchkeepers on watch

at all times, and with a small exhibition area also open downstairs.

As further watchkeepers enter training, it is intended to open seven days a week.

Station manager Phil Jones said: "This is a major step forward in improving safety along our beautiful but hazardous coast and marks another stage in

BRIAN ROPER

'Help us keep our coastline clean' – appeal to residents

KEEP Wales Tidy is urging people in Bridgend county borough to get involved and volunteer their time during 'Clean Coast Week', supported by McDonald's, during May 8-17, to help care for our award-winning Welsh coastline.

With a week of events taking place nationwide, including some on Coney, Trecco and Newton beaches on May 15, Keep Wales

Tidy is searching for volunteers across Wales, committing to work together to help get beaches and coastline looking beautiful and ready for everyone to enjoy during the busy summer months.

The third annual Clean Coast Week, sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, coincides with Clean Europe Week, which aims to reduce litter and promote responsible behaviour across Europe.

Keep Wales Tidy, one of Wales' leading environment charities,

along with restaurant staff, community groups, schools and businesses, will take part in clean-up events across the country as part of the week of action.

The third annual Clean Coast Week 2015 follows the success of the previous two years. During that time, over 225 registered events have taken place along the Welsh coast, with over 5,100 people getting involved in collecting more than 5,000 bags of rubbish.

Events have already been organised across the country to help give beaches a spring clean before the busy summer season, but Keep Wales Tidy needs more volunteers to sign up.

Lesley Jones, chief executive for Keep Wales Tidy said: "The coastline is very

important for Wales as it allows us to showcase our beautiful country, boosting local economies and the tourism industry. It's important that we get together to help care for our beaches and maintain the high standard of our coast."

Keep Wales Tidy project officer, Brian Jones, will be working with volunteers from McDonald's and the local community to clean up Coney, Trecco and Newton Beaches on May 15 at 10.30am.

To get involved, call 07824 504819, or email brian.jones@keepwalestidy.org. Alternatively, if you would like to organise your own event, register at www.keepwalestidy.org or e-mail events@keepwalestidy.org for more information.

Petition calls for a ban on fracking

NEARLY 2,500 people from the Bridgend area and beyond have signed a petition calling for councillors to declare Bridgend county borough a frack free area.

A group of concerned local residents were joined by Friends of the Earth Cymru to hand in the petition to Bridgend County Borough Council. They are now calling for the council to take a vote to declare a ban on fracking in the Bridgend area.

Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth to enable a high-pressure water and

chemical mixture to be injected into rock. This enables the rock to be 'fractured', which then releases the gas inside.

Petition founder Hannah Sinnott said: "This form of unconventional gas extraction is short lived, whilst the environmental impact could last for generations."

"By declaring Bridgend county free from fracking, we will be leading the way to a cleaner and more sustainable future. We can set a precedent for other local authorities by showing that we are making responsible and positive changes in our community."

Sponsored bike ride in Bridgend

CYCLING enthusiasts in Bridgend county borough are invited to take part in a sponsored bike ride in aid of the Prostate Cymru charity.

Bikerfun is hosting the ride for the Bridgend Rotary Club on Sunday, June 28, at 8am. The 22 or 40-mile ride will start and finish at the Brewery Field on Tondur Road.

There is a minimum sponsorship fee of £10 per person, which includes entry. However, family groups of three or more may enter for £20.

Sponsorship can be paid via the following JustGiving link: www.justgiving.com/rotary-bridgend. For more information email rotarybikerfun@gmail.com

VE Day is remembered

TOMORROW, May 8, between 10am and 12pm, Pencoed Library will be hosting a coffee morning to mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Local residents are invited to join commemorative celebrations at the library, which will be decked out with bunting and pictures, while enjoying background music reminiscent of the end of the World War Two in Europe.

Representatives from the Pencoed branch of the Royal British Legion will be present to collect voluntary donations and they will also have a selection of items such as poppies, bracelets and armbands available to purchase.

To find out what's going on in your local library, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/libraries, email blis@bridgend.gov.uk or telephone 01656 754800. You can also like 'Bridgend Libraries' page on Facebook, or follow @BridgendLibs on Twitter.

ADVICE SURGERY

THE Welsh Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, May 8 in Maesteg library from 2pm to 3pm. No appointment is necessary.

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Club thanks Peter for years of service



Chairman Janet Richards presenting Peter Jenkins with the Natie Gable Cup.

AT the recent AGM of Porthcawl Bridge Club, the Natie Gable Cup for the 'best member of the year' was presented to Peter Jenkins.

Peter has been treasurer of the club for many years, but has now closed his wallet, with Roger Draper elected as the treasurer.

The club also resurrected the Mollie Hart Trophy – a pivot teams event in which each member of the team-of-four partners each other member in turn (results below).

The latest results from the club are: Saturday April 18: First, Peter and Sandie Jenkins; second – Dil and Marian Evans.

Monday, April 20: First, Gary Williams and Tony Haworth; second, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

Thursday, April 23: First, Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; second, Gary Williams and Pat Haworth.

Saturday, April 25: First, Colin and Hazel Heard; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

Monday, April 27: First, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second, Gary Williams and Tony Haworth.

Thursday, April 30: Mollie Hart Pivot Teams – First, Emer Disley, Pat Haworth, Betty Longley, Gary Williams; second,

Connie Dick, Pat Cogbill, Trish Saunders, Sue Anthony.

The next seminar at the club is now on May 14, when the topic will be 'Negative Doubles'.

The club meets three times a week – Saturday and Thursday at the Avel-y-Mor Centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel 7pm-10.15pm. Visitors are welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

ABOVE; Miles Hire Ltd have just opened alongside Bracey's builders' merchants in School Road, Pontyclun, and two special guests – Scott Baldwin and Richard Webster of the Ospreys – came along for the opening day. Scott, a current Welsh international, cut the tape. In the photo are (left to right): Ryan Miles; Scott Baldwin; Darren Miles; Ben Millar of Bracey's and Richard Webster. Photograph by Mandy Thomas www.mandythomasphotography.co.uk

Concert raises £400 for Nepal

ON May 1, an informal evening of song was held in Llangynwyd Hall by Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch before a full house.

The choir was in very good voice, and the acoustics in the hall made the audience gasp when they started with 'Men of Harlech'.

There was a wide variety of songs from traditional Welsh numbers through to songs from the shows. The choir was very ably led by musical director Rhian Jenkins, accompanied by the very talented Ryan Wood.

While the choir took a well-deserved break, the audience were entertained by soprano Sally-Ann Kingsbury and her versatile husband Tony and both performed with their usual professionalism.

The evening was a total success and an impromptu bucket collection for the disaster in Nepal raised £400.

The Llangynwyd Hall committee would like to thank the choir and their musical team, together with Sally-Ann and Tony, for the wonderful entertainment and hope that a similar evening will be held later in the year.



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OGMORE VALE YOUTH CLUB DEMANDS GREATER ROAD SAFETY FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

RIGHT:
Members of the Wyndham Boys and Girls' Club want measures taken to ensure road safety.

A youth club in Ogmores Vale has launched a campaign demanding greater road safety near its meeting place.

Youth volunteer at the Wyndham Boys and Girls' Club Mark Williams explained: "We have over 50 children who attend our club during busy months and the average age is 10 years age."

"After a near miss recently we feel we must take action. We have asked for fencing and a 'slow down' sign but are still waiting."

"Over the years there have been many accidents due to the location of the club which has been here for over 75 years."

"There is a shop on the other side of the road and the children tend to cross and have no clear view due to the cars in the street on each side."

"We want the council to place signs and a safety ramp for cars in the street to slow down."

Mr Williams said that the speed of cars was such that he feared a child could get killed.



"The neighbours have witnessed cars speeding at over 50 miles an hour and we have started signing a petition. We feel we need to empower the children to believe that they can do something that they believe must happen."

"The Wyndham Boys and Girls' Club has no responsibility outside the door and have no way of managing the children in and out of the club. The club feels that due to some children of a very young age it must act now."

He added that he hoped the Bridgend County Borough Council would respond positively because it had already erected electric signs two minutes up the road.

A council spokesman told The GEM: "Bridgend County Borough Council regularly reviews traffic incident information supplied by South Wales Police so that bids for Welsh Government funding for traffic calming measures can focus on those roads with the greatest need."

"There are no plans to introduce new measures along Dunraven Place as the statistics do not indicate it being a priority location that would be eligible for a funding bid."

"However, council officers met with the local councillor last week to discuss various concerns in the Wyndham and Nantymoel areas and we will continue to monitor the situation."

Election time!

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The Bridgend candidates, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

David, Aaron – Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition.

Davies, Anita Dawn – Liberal Democrat.

Elston, David Anthony – Official Pirate Party.

Jenkins, Meirion – Welsh Conservative.

Jones, Caroline – UKIP.

Lloyd, Adam John – National Front.

Moon, Madeleine – Labour.

Radcliffe, James Christopher – Plaid Cymru.

Tallon-Morris, Les – Independent.

White, Tony – Green Party.

The Ogmores candidates, in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Brophy, Laurie – Green Party.

Davies, Glenda – UKIP.

Francis, Gerald Leslie – Liberal Democrats.

Irranca-Davies, Huw – Labour.

March, Jane – Conservative.

Saunders, Emma – Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition.

Thomas, Tim – Plaid Cymru.

CHARITY ASKS FOR SUPPORT

KPC Youth in Pyle is asking local people to support its grant application to fund a 'Fit and Fun' club.

The charity's application to the Aviva Community Fund is under consideration, but votes supporting the project will be crucial to its success.

The Fit and Fun Club would be an exercise/dance class for adults, run weekly.

KPC's project development manager, Alison Mawby, told The GEM: "We are asking local people to vote and support the project."

"You can do so by going to <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/Project/View/2605> where you will find details of the proposal, and instructions on how to vote."

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Wales Macmillan skin cancer nurse urges sun awareness



Nurse Sharon Hulley.

WITH summer just around the corner, a Macmillan skin cancer nurse from south Wales is backing the British Association of Dermatologists' Sun Awareness Week (May 4-10) by urging people to stay safe in the sun.

The number of people developing melanoma is continuing to rise, with around 110,330 people living with malignant melanoma in the UK, and over 700 people diagnosed every year in Wales.

Sharon Hulley, Macmillan skin cancer nurse based at University Hospital of Wales explains: "Most melanomas are linked to over exposure to UV

rays from the sun or a sunbed. Just one episode of painful sunburn every two years can triple your risk of getting melanoma. I would urge everyone to 'get to know their skin'.

"I would recommend that everyone check their skin on a monthly basis to get to know where their moles or freckles are, and to get someone else to check the areas they can't see such as the back, bottom and back of legs. It's only when you know what they usually look like, that you would know if any were changing or new.

"About half of all melanomas start with a change in previously normal-looking skin. This usually looks like a dark area or an abnormal new mole. Other melanomas develop from a mole or freckle that you already have - maybe a mole that changes colour, bleeds, itches or is painful. If you are worried about any changes on your skin, you should visit your GP."

Sharon continued: "Skin cancer, if caught early, is very treatable and actually has one of the highest survival rates of all cancers and being sun aware is key. Our advice is to avoid sun beds, wear a high SPF sun screen, and cover up in the sun."

Apprentice scoops Skills gold medal

PENARTH apprentice, Aaron Horrobin, who is studying a Level 2 Diploma in wall and floor tiling at Cardiff and Vale College, beat four other competitors from colleges across Wales to win the gold medal in the Skills Competition Wales final. He also won the Welsh heat of SkillBUILD Tiling.

The finalists had to tile a boat design onto a wall within the time limit of five hours and Aaron (24) an apprentice at his father's tiling business, Supreme Ceramics in Penarth, said the competition had been close.

"I won the junior competition last year, but I never thought I'd win again this time round. The design that they gave us was quite tricky as it meant we had lots of curves and tricky cuts, but I did my best and was thrilled when they announced that I'd won in the awards presentation that night."

LONGER-LIFE CATS LEFT ON THE SHELF

CATS are living longer, but the homeless feline senior citizen is being overlooked, according to Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre.

The centre says improvements in cat care have greatly raised the life expectancy and quality of life for cats across the UK.

However, the bad news is that owners still appear to choose a cute, fluffy kitten or young cat over an older cat - and this puts a massive strain on the adoption centre.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "While 10 years ago the household moggie could have been expected to live to around 13, today's life expectancy is much higher.

"We have seen many cats surviving to their late teens and early 20s in remarkably good health.

"However, their longer existence places the centre under strain because older cats can block up pen spaces for many months, which means we are unable to help other needy cats or kittens until the older ones are found new homes.

"It is a shame, because older cats have

a lot to offer, as they tend to be lap cats and have much more settled natures. Though the centre does its very best to care for all the cats in its care, life in a pen is no substitute for a permanent home so I would urge people to consider adopting an older cat."

Some of the older cats in desperate need of a home are:

● Heathcliff, a 16-year-old male admitted for rehoming because of changes in work commitments. He is a lovely, friendly cat who is finding the centre environment particularly stressful.

● Katie, a 10-year-old female and one of our longest staying cats. She was admitted because she wasn't settled with the other cats in the home.

She is a lovely, friendly cat who would make a purrfect lap cat.

● Tipsy, an 11-year-old female cat, admitted into our care because her owner was allergic. She is a friendly but independent cat who will make a great companion.

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Heathcliff.
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Katie.



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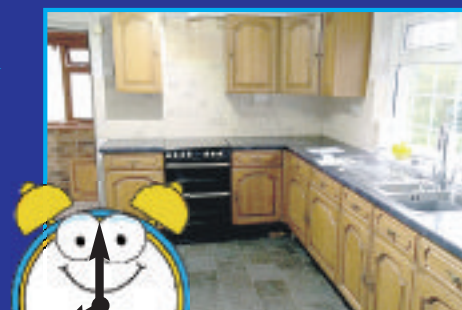
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GIANT WELLY HIGHLIGHTS FUNDRAISING RNLI DRIVE

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) unveiled a series of eight-foot yellow wellington boot sculptures to mark the launch of its national fundraising campaign, Mayday.

One of the larger-than-life welly boots will today be attracting the attention of shoppers at Working Street in Cardiff.

The Cardiff welly was unveiled by one of the RNLI's biggest fans: six-year-old Mia Davies from Barry, a pupil at Ysgol Sant Baruc. Mia hopes plenty of people

will come down to Barry Island to show their support to her daddy (Barry Dock coxswain Hugh Davies) and the local volunteer crew.

Yellow and welly-themed events have been organised by communities across Wales to help support the charity that saves lives at sea.

To donate, visit RNLI.org/Mayday or text MAYDAY to 70007 to donate £3. Funds raised through the Mayday campaign will help fund the RNLI's lifesaving work. Texts cost £3 + standard network rate. Please ensure you have the bill payer's permission. The RNLI will receive £3.

'I am not Rainman'

THE National Autistic Society (Cardiff and Vale branch) has organised a talk by Robert Parton entitled, 'I am not Rainman' on Saturday, June 6 in Ysgol y Deri, Sully Road, Penarth, CF64 2TP, from 10.30am-1pm.

Robert Parton, aged 20, from Swansea, has high functioning autism. Diagnosed at three, with very limited speech and profound sensory issues, he has overcome adversity to become a truly amazing public speaker.

This event will be mainly of interest to families whose lives are touched by autism, and professionals who work in the field of disability; plus those who may wish to become more aware of

autism. It is not restricted to branch members but pre-booking is essential. Age restriction - no children under the age of 15 years.

There is a suggested donation of £3 per person or £5 per family, which can be made on the door.

The event is subsidised by the branch, which is self-funded and relies on donations and fundraising to be able to put on our monthly coffee mornings, workshops and other activities.

For more information, go to <http://www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk/>.

To book a place, go to <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/national-autistic-society-cardiff-vale-branch-autism-rob-parton-im-not-rainman-tickets-15775149898?>

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MAESTEG'S CROSS INN IS CROWNED PUB OF THE YEAR

A MAESTEG pub has been crowned Pub of the Year by the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

The Cross Inn at Cwmfelin, on the outskirts of Maesteg, was voted CAMRA Pub of the Year for Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend for the second time in three years. It was presented with the award due to the quality of its ale served, as well as meeting a range of criteria including style, atmosphere, decoration, service and welcome, community focus and value for money.

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)

supports well-run pubs as the centres of community life - whether in rural or urban areas - and believe their continued existence plays a critical social role in UK culture.

CAMRA also supports the pub as the one place in which to consume real ale (also known as cask-conditioned beer, or cask ale).

In an area where good real ales are hard to find, this friendly multi-roomed pub with its own green-energy-run Cerddin Brewery is a breath of fresh air. Cerddin is Welsh for rowan tree which, in mythology, has magical properties.

The pub is situated between Maesteg and Bridgend, with buses stopping at the front door and the railway station within walking distance.

It has been owned and

run by David Morgan and his wife Gillian Scott-Morgan since 1992, who are now helped by their daughter. In 2010, they installed a brewery at the side of the pub and made news as the first brewery in Britain to be entirely powered by solar energy.

CAMRA spokesman Nigel said that the award was well earned and explained that it's not just down to them offering five beers brewed on site and three ciders, which are sold in exemplary condition and at excellent prices. Other factors were taken into account - atmosphere, layout and the role the pub plays in the local community.

David Morgan said: "I wanted to create a community feel and give people a reason to come to Cwmfelin and Maesteg, and help raise the profile of area."

NEIL GOODMAN



ABOVE: Gillian Scott-Morgan and David Morgan of the Cross Inn.

College seeks new governors

THE governance structure for Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) is set to change and this week the college has launched a recruitment campaign, seeking to attract new members to the board of governors.

CAVC is looking to recruit individuals that reflect its vision and aims but who also have valuable experience from across a range of sectors, including business, finance, legal, PR, media, marketing, charity and education. Diversity and community representation will be at the heart of the board.

There are several roles available with varying commitments.

These are: governors, committee members and community board members (for both Cardiff Community Board and Vale Community Board).

A page has been set up on the College's website (<http://www.cavc.ac.uk/en/about-us/governance/join-our-board>) with all the information on the new governance structure; along with the application form and details of how to apply.

Geraint Evans, chair of governors, said: "Since establishment in 2011, Cardiff and Vale College has proven to be one of the most exciting and innovative colleges in the country. "Being part of our new governing body will see you supporting the college to achieve its vision. "It is a uniquely

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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Vet nurse raises £400 for Support Dogs in the London Marathon

A veterinary nurse from Barry is putting her feet up after completing her first Virgin Money London Marathon, and raising £400 for charity Support Dogs in the process.

Sian Llewellyn is head nurse at the Barry and Boverton Veterinary Surgeries.

A keen runner, she had completed two half marathons and entered the ballot to run the marathon, little expecting to get a place as she knew many fellow runners who had tried for several years without success.

She explained:

"Finding I'd been accepted for the marathon last October was a surprise and my first thought was that I'd better start doing some proper training, which I did with the help of my running club, the Village Vipers, based in Cardiff.

"Taking part was really tough! I had abdominal and hip pain towards the end, but family, friends and the roar of the crowd got me through. The drums, music and fancy dress costumes made me smile at so many points throughout the 26.2 miles. You can't help but laugh when you see a gorilla skipping along the route or an ostrich

having to stop to go to the toilet.

"My highest point was turning the corner to run down the Mall to cross the finish line, hand in hand with a complete stranger. Receiving my medal was an emotional and proud moment. I finished in five and a half hours, which was slower than I hoped, but I blame the various painful parts of my body!"

Ten days before entering the race, Sian attended a talk about Support Dogs and was inspired to use her participation to fundraise for them. She has so far raised £400 for the charity, which is dedicated to increasing independence and quality of life for people with medical conditions by training and supporting specialist assistance dogs.

It currently trains autism assistance dogs, disability assistance dogs and seizure alert dogs.

She added: "Support Dogs are amazing and, having heard what a difference they make to so many people, I really wanted to raise funds for them.

"I'm already being asked whether I'll enter



SIAN LLEWELLYN

another marathon. During the race my answer would have been no, never again! Now that the pain is ebbing away, my answer is most likely yes!"

Anyone wishing to donate to Sian's chosen charity, Support Dogs, is asked to contact her at the Barry and Boverton Veterinary Surgery. It is based at 51-53 Ty-Newydd Road, Barry, South Glamorgan CF62 8AZ and can be reached on 01446 733406. More information on Support Dogs is at www.supportdogs.org.uk.

STROLLING ALONG VALE COAST IN THE SUNSHINE

ON a beautiful sunny spring weekend, Penarth and District Ramblers enjoyed two walks with the central theme of water, first a trek along the beautiful Vale coastline, followed by a fantastic journey through some of the glorious waterfalls in the Neath Valley.

A group of seven and Jodie the Staffie joined Geraint on a train ramble to Rhose, then following the Wales Coast Path along the coast through Fontygary to visit the ruined limeworks and waterfowl at Pleasant Harbour, before continuing past Aberthaw Power Station to Gileston.

Crossing the pebbles above Limpert Bay, lunch followed in warm sunshine using picnic tables at Summerhouse Point before making their way along the cliffs beside cropped fields to Llantwit Major beach.

Turning inland through Cwm Colhuw, up a steep bank led along a track to Lower House Farm. Then, following the road for a

short distance before deviating through a field containing the 14th century stone dovecot which was part of a grange run by lay brothers, steps led them down past the Ogney Brook to the church named after St Illtud, who founded a monastery which became a centre for education there in the 6th century.

Strolling on through the town to the railway station, it was only a short wait in the sunshine before the homeward journey.

Clive and his eight companions enjoyed a magnificent adventure beginning from Pontneddfechan and following the old tramroad beside the Nedd Fechan River with its variety of smaller falls.

A lovely bluebell wood above Pont Melin-fach opened onto a rocky bridleway and reaching the top, the panoramic views stretched for miles under glorious warm sunshine.

Following sunken tracks laden with wild violets and blackthorn trees to Cwm Porth, there was time for a quick peek at Porth yr Ogof, the largest cave entrance in Wales before lunch.

Narrow rocky

pathways below the cliff face led them scrambling steeply down to the stunning waterfall of Sgwd y Pannwr in the Mellie valley, which was breathtaking as it tumbled into the valley below.

Continuing on past Sgwd Isaf Clun-Gwyn, after a steep climb, Sgwd yr Eira came into view.

Taking the slippery track under the waterfall, another climb led up onto a track on the opposite side of the valley and journeying through quiet forestry tracks to Dinas Rock, a sharp descent led back to the riverbank and, crossing a footbridge, they made the short journey back to their start.

On May 10, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile

moderate/hard walk at Henllys; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On May 10, the group are hosting the area walks, where there will be a choice of three walks (five, eight and 15-mile walks) in the Vale, all leaving Bonvilston Reading Room car park at 9.30am.

For more details of the routes and contact details, visit the group website below.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.

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Out and About with The GEM

Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival's new ticket scheme

THIS year, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival decided to offer advanced ticket sales on their website.

This is facilitated by a Penarth-based company, Ticketsource, and is proving very popular.

Event organiser, Polly Wilson, told The GEM: "This is a new avenue for us; we set up the link in January and immediately started seeing ticket sales trickling in, which was amazing as the festival is in May. Now, it is really taking off!"

"With 2015 day ticket prices remaining at £5 and weekend tickets at £8, with 10 per cent off and the comparatively small booking charge per transaction (not per ticket as with other providers), you make a saving immediately on over two tickets.

"You will also skip the ticket office queues over the weekend.

"You will be sent confirmation of the

order which you simply take to the Arthur John car park entrance, where there will be a dedicated entrance to scan your booking and receive your wristbands.

"As with 2013, the wristband tickets will then allow you access to all festival sites and activities, as well as offer many benefits with traders around Cowbridge."

Tickets are available until May 22, and of course will be available on the day. The Festival will also give a Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival recipe book (to be collected from the main marquee) to the first 100 bookings who quote 'GEM' as part of their name when booking a ticket, eg enter 'Helen Jones - GEM'.

• Full details of the festival are available on the website at: cowbridgefoodanddrink.org/buy-tickets.

Monsters: Dark Continent falls between two stools...

ONE of the bigger surprises of the last few years was Gareth Edwards' *Monsters*, an intimate story set against the aftermath of an alien invasion that was notable for Edwards' technical trickery (all the effects were done himself on his own computer) and the fact that it focused more on characters than spectacle.

It seemed an unlikely source for a sequel, but since when has that stopped a film studio, and *Monsters: Dark Continent* finds itself loosely connected to the original.

Ten years on from that story, the alien infected zones that were once wholly in central America have now spread worldwide, and, in particular, the Middle East, where a new insurgency has begun. Noah (Johnny Harris) and Michael (Sam Keeley) are two of the soldiers who must battle not only the insurgents,

but also the creatures, and hope to survive...

Anyone expecting *Dark Continent* to follow *Monsters'* subtle approach to storytelling will be disappointed, the film is a gung-ho, action film that certainly has a degree more intelligence than your average grunt and gun type of film. However, it's also a film that feels very peculiar, almost as if the filmmakers created a story telling of the horrors and psychological stresses suffered by those fighting on the front lines of the ongoing 'war on terror' but were forced to piggyback on the *Monsters* name in order to make it a more palatable sell.

There is no real man versus monster conflict here; much like the first film the titular creatures are simply background, dipping into the story here and there but staying below the surface, with the main emphasis on the human story, the ordinary taking precedent over the extraordinary – it is this that is the film's main problem.

The creatures play such a small role in what takes place that it

feels like a shameless cash-in on the first film's goodwill to use the *Monsters* title. What would have worked better is a story a group of men signing up for the army, and travelling halfway across the world to fight the good fight only to find themselves woefully unprepared and out of their depth, shorn of any mention of creatures from space.

The film plays this way for the majority of the running time, and does contain a degree more pathos and smarts than most films that do a similar thing, but it's undone by weak characterisation, an almost predictable order of death as things begin to go drastically wrong (if you can't predict the first character to be offed then you obviously don't watch enough films!) and performances that never really stretch themselves.

The most impressive thing on show in this otherwise mundane and muddled film is director Tom Green, whose direction is in your face and incredibly visceral, creating moments of breathless tension and edgy drama, yet also

capable of moments of real beauty and subtlety.

Green's previous experience lies in television, but he makes the step up here superbly well, the direction incredibly impressive.

It's just a shame that what he and co-writer Jay Basu have come up with doesn't gel together well enough. As a 'monster' movie the only conflict is ideology, while as a movie about the terrors and hellish nature of war, it all too often feels clichéd.

It certainly isn't the worst film in the world, probably not even the worst film in cinemas right now, but *Monsters: Dark Continent* doesn't really

deliver what it says on the tin.

VERDICT: A misguided attempt to jump on a bandwagon that, in all fairness, had left the station a while ago, *Monsters: Dark Continent* finds itself caught between paying lip service to the concept of the first *Monsters* film, while taking the story in a different direction that showcases the horrors of war and the foolish bravado of youth.

It has a few moments, but aside from Tom Green's impressive direction, there's not much to chew on here. *Poor.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Hurt Locker* (2008), *Starship Troopers* (1997).



by
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Screening a sell-out!

LLANCARFAN Community Cinema is hosting a second performance of popular Welsh film *Dark Horse* (2015, PG) after selling-out their first scheduled screening in record time.

Dark Horse tells the remarkable true-life story of the Welsh village syndicate that owns champion racehorse *Dream Alliance*, which won a string of races, including the Welsh Grand National, just 18 months after a near-fatal accident.

Llanccarf Community Cinema is screening the film, which won the Sundance Film Festival Audience Award in 2014, with support from Film

Hub Wales. All profit from the screenings is going to the Llanccarf Village Hall fund for much-needed maintenance and repairs.

"We've been amazed at the response this film has received," says cinema volunteer Jim Barratt. "We knew it would appeal to racing fans and horse-lovers, and the Welsh connection gives it local interest. But we never expected to sell out so quickly. It helps that the film has had glowing reviews. It's great to see a local story doing so well on the big screen."

Tickets are still available for the second performance on Saturday, May 16 at 7.30pm. Full details can be found on the web site: www.llanccarfcommunitycinema.co.uk.

Jim Barratt

What's on and where?

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Saturday (May 9) from 10am – 12 noon at the Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Spring fair in Rhose

COME along to Rhose WI spring fair to be held on Saturday (May 9) at the Community Hall, Stewart Road from 10am – 12 noon.

Crafts, cakes, plants, tombola. Admission £2 (to include tea/coffee and biscuits).

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Castletand Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Karl Kuhnell and Les Sword will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday (May 9) from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

No appointment is

necessary. Floral society

THE next meeting of the Barry Floral Society will be held at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry on Tuesday, May 12, at 2.15pm, when the demonstrator will be Mrs Delyth Price (area demonstrator).

The afternoon's entertainment is entitled 'A Night at the Musicals!'. New members are always welcome.

Poetry and stories

FOLLOWING the success of asking people aged 50-plus in the Vale to submit poems and stories, the Vale 50 Plus Strategy Forum is displaying all the poems and stories received at Barry Central Library from May 11-15 during library opening hours.

Library event

THERE will be a coffee morning at Barry library on Thursday, May 13 from 10am – 12 noon, co-hosted by the library and the Vale of

Glamorgan Carers' Information Service.

There will be cakes, tea and coffee, poetry, and information on health, well-being, and library services for visually-impaired, housebound readers and carers.

There is no charge, but donations towards the cost of the coffee and cakes welcomed.

St Paul's spring fair

FAMOUS for over 50 years for stalls full of bargains, this year will be no exception at St Paul's spring fair in Barry.

On sale are toys, books, DVDs and CDs; gifts and cards; home-made cakes; bric-a-brac; sweets; crafts and prize-every-time stall; raffle with first prize of £50.

Doors open on Saturday, May 16 at 2pm in the hall at St Paul's Avenue, Barry; admission 50p (entry for children is free).

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Penarth charity project is overcoming difficulties

THE Penarth and District Lesotho Trust has continued its financial and technical support of the children in Teyateyaneng, especially in their junior academy where over half the pupils are orphans and the residential accommodation at the school is their home.

Their headteacher, Godfrey Kakende, is, as he fondly refers to his role, "their mother and father".

The last few months have brought good and bad news because Mr Kakende has become a father after baby Constantina came into the world, but this was followed by the devastating news of his serious car accident.

His car was in collision with another vehicle and in the accident, the three occupants of the other vehicle were killed and Mr Kakende sustained many serious fractures and injuries.

However, this former Ugandan Olympic footballer has again demonstrated his determination and resilience and is making a good, if rather slow, recovery.

He is back in school, though the rocky nature of the school site does make it so difficult for movement on crutches and sadly, more hospital treatment is urgently needed.

Since last summer, so many improvements have been made to the TY junior academy. The second dormitory has been built and now the boys and girls have separate sleeping quarters. This was the major objective highlighted by the visit last summer of Penarth Lesotho Youth, the junior section of PADLT.

There have also been improvements made to the school classroom buildings and facilities improved in the library. The 'one tap for water' situation which amazed everyone has now at last been improved.

So again, PADLT thanks the people of Penarth and district because they know the money raised does get to Lesotho. All the visits by the trustees and others, and also the young people, are totally self-funded and expenses of the charity are kept to the very minimum, mainly bank charges when the money is sent to Lesotho which amount to only two per cent.

So, PADLT gives 98 per cent of all money obtained from gifts, donations and from the many events that are organised, to its work in Lesotho.

Our next money-raising events are the very popular annual plant and craft sale on Saturday, May 9, 10am to 1pm in Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall, Windsor Road, Penarth, next to the Paget Rooms.

Plants can be fetched if you phone 02920 702269. This will be followed by the 13th annual 5km fun run on Saturday, June 10, at 11am around the lakes in Cosmeston Country Park.

Sponsor forms can be obtained from howellskeith@yahoo.co.uk.

KH



Godfrey Kakende, the headteacher of TY junior academy on his crutches greeting a visitor on the rocky site of the residential school.

Social group meets the owls

MEMBERS of Friends and Neighbours social group who meet at Beryl Road received a visit from Owls-4-u at their April Meeting.

Ann Bird and Alan Sheppard brought seven of their feathered friends to visit the group. Asha, Bart, Dai, Dusty, Honey, Babe and Merlin seemed to enjoy the attention they received and some were even happy to be held and stroked by the members of the group.

Ann talked about

each owl and its history and their habitat and explained how Owls-4-u was established when Swan Rescue closed. Ann answered questions from the group which was followed by tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits, followed by the raffle.

The group is now looking forward to the lunch at Spinney and forthcoming trip to Tewksbury and trip on the river. Contact Gay Fifield, coordinator for further information.

GF

'Teachings of Christianity are inclusive'

WITH reference to the letter on page 25 in last week's GEM, 'Christians are being persecuted', my first question is why was this even published as it is clearly plain and simple ignorance, and homophobia which I actually believe is illegal.

Were you to publish a letter requesting that

people not vote for a certain party due to race, I'm certain there would be some investigation involving the police.

This letter is nothing more than a witch hunt. I am certain the fundamental teachings of Christianity are inclusive and loving, therefore those who pick and choose verses for the persecution of others are the real persecutors of Christianity!

Kate Mason, Normanton, West Yorkshire.

News in brief

Valeways guided walks

THURSDAY May 7, 10.30am 'Bluebells'; St Brides Major, car park opposite Fox & Hounds.

Sunday, May 10 at 1pm: Coastal path to Monkash, meet at Monkash car park near lighthouse. Fee payable.

Monday May 11, 10am: Walk and Click, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, meet near visitor centre.

Tuesday, May 12 at 1.30pm: Somerset Views, meet at Rhose railway station car park.

Wednesday, May 13, 10.30am: Coffee Shop Strollers at Cosmeston Country Park, outside the visitor centre.

Coping with strokes

STAFF at Princess of Wales hospital are working with the Stroke Association to help raise awareness of strokes and work done to help support patients.

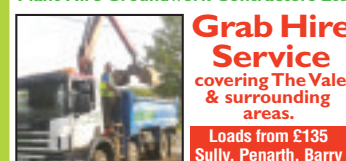
As part of the Make May Purple for Stroke campaign, organised by the charity, they will be wearing purple when they host their usual blood pressure awareness sessions on May 11 - 14 from 10am to noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm outside the pharmacy at Princess of Wales Hospital.

On Wednesday, May 20, there will also be a purple cake bake sale situated outside the Stroke Unit (Ward 2).

Staff will be present to give information about preventing stroke, and life after stroke.

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Talk looks at outset of World War Two

ON April 28, Dr Gordon Roderick gave a talk to the Dinas Powys Probus Club on the political situation leading up to the Second World War.

There were five critical days in 1940 before Britain declared war on Germany. The principal players were Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, Winston

Churchill and, of course, Adolf Hitler. Chamberlain came from a family involved in industry in Birmingham, Unitarians by religion and social reformers. He did not go to university, nor did Churchill and many other politicians.

As the fear of war grew, he went to see Hitler three times and believed that they were working together to

deal with Hitler's plans for expanding Germany's role in Europe.

In reality, Hitler was hoodwinking Chamberlain, who was regarded as Britain's saviour when he returned from Berlin famously waving a bit of paper that actually said nothing more than Hitler would not go to war with Britain – but this did not prevent him from attacking

other countries.

Churchill was an aristocrat, born in Blenheim Palace and went to Harrow and Sandhurst. He became a hero in the eyes of the public, due to his bravery in the wars in Sudan and South Africa. He was MP for Oldham and a close working colleague of Lloyd George.

Together, they laid down the first guide lines of what would become the Welfare State.

In 1919, under the conditions laid down in the Treaty of Versailles, the aim of which was total humiliation, Germany was penalised for the damage caused by the First World War. Their Army was to be limited in number, as was their Navy, and they were not to develop any military equipment.

It was later realised that these and other conditions were too severe and were later modified. Germany was on its knees and starving due to the British blockade of their ports. They were looking for a saviour, and that was Hitler.

He boosted the economy, he ignored in part the restrictions of Versailles but invaded Austria and

Sudentland, part of Eastern Germany. He also invaded Czechoslovakia which, to its shame, Britain ignored because it was of no interest.

However, when he invaded Poland, Britain was forced to protest and war was declared.

Until that moment, the population of Britain hoped that war could be avoided, almost at any cost, by considering appeasement to Hitler's threats and had tried to accommodate him over his expansionist plans.

Who was now to lead Britain? Chamberlain did not feel he could cope, and was already terminally ill. Lord Halifax was a possible candidate but he was known to be guilty of lamentable judgement in matters of State. He didn't understand Hitler, but preferred to accept unpleasant facts.

At the meeting to decide the issue, attended by Chamberlain, Churchill and Halifax, Churchill

said nothing but stared out of the window until Halifax had talked himself out of the job, and then declared that he himself would take

on the fight against Hitler, whom he personally despised as a tyrant.

He was declared Prime Minister, but on

the understanding that it would only be until the war was over.

The vote of thanks was given by Colin Turner.

HARP TRIO ARE THE FESTIVAL WINNERS



Triawd Ysgol Iolo Morganwg with their trophy.

THREE young Vale harpists were winners in the ensemble competition at the 'South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians' which was held at St John's College, St Mellons.

The winners were Triawd Ysgol Iolo Morganwg – three harpists, Cesi Rhys Lewis, Sara Mair Jones and Caitlin Anna Morris.

The adjudicator James Stretton wrote about their performance: "This purred along like a well-tuned Rolls Royce engine. The sense of ensemble was immaculate throughout. Added to this dynamics, colour and projection. Such detail and commitment. Beautiful work."

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CLASSIC CAR CLUB SHOW AT CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

SOUTH Wales Classic Car Club show takes place on May 17 at Cardiff City Stadium.

A tradition is about to change: The thriving community of classic car clubs has a dynamic calendar of shows in south Wales, attended by enthusiasts from all parts of the UK.

One of the first of the season has traditionally been the South Wales Classic Car Club show, known previously as the Pencoed show, with upwards of 600 exhibitors and a variety of trade and other show stands.

A spokesman said: "The demise of the Tredegar House show promotes the South Wales Classic Car Club show to what we believe is the largest in the region."

"For 2015, a new site has been sought to improve enjoyment and access for all – a secure open space offering hard-standing for all exhibiting classic cars and visitors' cars alike, with grassed areas and on-

site facilities with well-signed routes leading to the venue.

"The date for the 2015 show has also been changed to Sunday, May 17, thanks to the cooperation of the Morris Minor Owners Club."

"The show will now be held in the 1,200-space car park and setting of the Cardiff City Football Club Stadium."

"For trade and auto jumble enquiries, contact Nigel Taylor on 029 2079 7847 and for exhibitor enquiries, contact Ian Thomas on 01443 406333, or visit our website <http://www.swccc.net>."

Public meeting called on Dinas Powys library

RESIDENTS are being invited to a public meeting, to discuss options to ensure library services continue in Dinas Powys.

Organised by the Community Council, it will take place at Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane on Monday, May 18 at 2.30pm.

Coun Chris Franks, chair of the council, said there appeared to be no alternative but to explore options for residents to play a greater role in the running of the library.

"The Community Council has submitted an 'Expression of Interest' with the Vale Council. Should it seem appropriate, the

Community Council will have to draft a business case to take matters further," he commented.

Representatives of the Vale Council would be present to respond to questions.

"There are major issues to consider in addition to the number of volunteers required, the financial implications and the management of any community-based library. The potential building maintenance issues also need consideration."

"The library celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and faces a crucial juncture. This is an opportunity for residents to help shape the future of library service for the future," Coun Franks added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plant sale

PLANT sale, Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge CF71 7AD, Saturday May 16 from 10am – 12.30pm.

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Car boot

THE Dinas Powys Primary School is holding a car boot sale on the Infants' site (Cardiff Road) Sunday, May 17 (9am – 12). Spaces £7, need to be booked and paid in advance. Barbecue and refreshments available. Contact Lynsey on 07903 821063.

Diabetes talk

VALE of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, May 19 in the board room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm.

Claire Greenhouse, British Red Cross, will talk on first aid and all are welcome.

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Volunteers dig in for community garden...



FATHER Ben Andrews and his parishioners are opening up the garden at the back of St Mary's Church, Barry, for the benefit of the whole community, helped by volunteers.

Despite rainy weather on May 2, the church opened for a coffee morning and consultation. Jane Hutt AM joined them to wish them well and to help them seek support for the community initiative.

She is pictured (above) with Father Ben Andrews and some of the volunteers.

'NATURE AT NIGHT' WALK

RANGERS at Porthkerry Country Park are inviting local nature enthusiasts to join them on their Nature at Night expedition on Thursday, May 21.

As part of the Vale's Walking Festival, the Porthkerry Rangers have organised a short night-time walk around the meadows, ponds, and woods of the park, hunting for nocturnal animals.

Bat detectors will be provided, but a strong torch and suitable, warm clothes are essential.

The walk will set off from the Forest Lodge at 8.30pm, returning at around 10pm. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs, however, are not allowed.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Rangers are calling for treasure seekers to join the Go Wild scavenger hunt.

There is a sheet of riddles to solve and 10 special items to find, before returning with the answers to collect your prize.

The hunt begins at the golf hut at 10am, runs until 3.30pm, and costs £2.50 per child.

For those closer to Cosmeston, Rangers are organising a children's pond dip and bug hunt for seven to 11 year olds, to discover the park's fascinating mini beasts.

The hunt is also on Wednesday, May 27, the cost is £2.50 per child, and booking is essential due to limited spaces. The hunt starts at the Rangers' Office at 9.45am.

To book a place or for more information about any events, contact Porthkerry on 01446 733589 or email porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. For Cosmeston call 02920 701678 or email cosmestonlakes@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

'Rhoose Remembered'

THE Rhoose and District History Society will be holding the first of what will be an annual event, entitled 'Rhoose Remembered', on Saturday, May 16 at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road.

All are welcome to enjoy the display of over 500 photographs and interesting documents which reflect the life, work, school and community activities of Rhoose and surrounding villages over the years.

The society's chairman, Jeffrey James, said: "Are you or any of your relatives in the photos? We also encourage you to bring your own photographs and other memorabilia which you may wish to donate or have scanned to add to our archives."

Doors will be open from 10.30am to 4pm. There will be a small entrance fee of £1 per adult to cover costs, but school age children will be admitted free. Refreshments will be available.

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Top national award for South Wales storekeeper Elton



Elton Jones of United Carpets and Beds is pictured receiving his award from the group's executive chairman Peter Cowgill.

South Wales storekeeper Elton Jones is celebrating picking up a major national award for his work. For Elton, who runs his own United Carpets and Beds store on Sloper Road, Cardiff, has been voted Franchisee of the Year by the United Carpets Group.

The group – which is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary of becoming a plc – has more than 60 flooring and beds stores across the UK. The award for Elton was announced at the company's annual conference by chief executive Paul Eyre.

"Elton is a well-deserving winner of this hotly-contested award, and the prize reflects his dedication, hard work, commitment and efficiency," he said. "United Carpets are renowned for our excellent customer service and great deals and Elton's store in Cardiff reflects everything that we're about."

Local man Elton took over the franchise of the store several years ago with his wife Elise, and has more than 20 years' experience in the carpet and carpet fitting business.

"I think people appreciate the fact that although we have the buying power of a big company behind us, which keeps our prices down, we're very much a local business staffed by local people. We provide a really friendly service that customers like."

Elton is currently stocking his store with the new Spring ranges and some special offers, and says he's delighted to have won the award. "On the awards night I was thrilled but really surprised to win, because there are so many really excellent franchisees at United Carpets," he said. "The award is also shared with my staff – and I'd also like to thank our customers from all over South Wales, who keep coming back and show us a lot of support."

• United Carpets and Beds is at:
Sloper Road, Cardiff, CF11 8AA,
and you can call Elton and his team
on 02920 383770.

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Sir Ray Tindle: 'THE LOCAL PAPERS WILL LIVE FOR EVER'

SIR RAY TINDLE has spoken of the resilience of the local press industry and his strong belief that local newspapers "will live for ever" – despite the challenges posed by the economic downturn in recent years.

Announcing a new bonus scheme for Tindle Newspapers' staff, Sir Ray pointed to evidence of the strength of the industry in the face of competition from competitors and challenging economic conditions.

Sir Ray (pictured right) said: "Tindle Newspapers is only one group of many that have fought the good fight and shown that really local papers will live for ever."

"We ourselves in these seven years, seven long drab years, have launched 20 new local papers in London and the provinces in an effort to replace lost national revenue and to raise our profile. We are proud of every one of them."

"Our advertisement departments and our circulation departments have fought valiantly to keep up the revenue and the circulation. The whole staff has been marvellous."

"Because of this we have come through these years without borrowing a single penny, without making a single journalist compulsorily redundant and without closing a single main title nor missing a single edition."



Speaking about competition from the internet, Sir Ray (proprietor of The GEM titles), added: "In 1971, many were saying we would be badly affected by the coming of local commercial radio into our towns."

"Then came a recession, followed by the arrival of free newspapers throughout the UK. This was followed by local commercial television."

"Our finest years, however, were from the mid-1990s to 2008 when we had all these and other competitors hammering away all at the same time for the same pot of revenue."

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils report on the (election) reporters!



The group with S4C
News presenter,
Bethan Rhys Roberts.

KING SQUARE in Barry was transformed on Monday, April 20, with a massive white pavilion filling the space in front of the library.

Journalists were milling around with cameras at the ready and the rosette-adorned parliamentary

candidates were waiting to discuss their policies with the public.

This was the BBC election tour and in the melee enjoying the excitement were 14 lucky pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg ready to report on the action.

They interviewed the candidates, questioned the journalists, and chatted with passers-by about their concerns in this area. The students were also interviewed by the BBC and aired their views about future hopes for the country and its politics.

...A wonderful opportunity for any wannabe journalists and politicians!

• The following report was written by

two of the pupils...

The day began with an hour-long debate between the Vale of Glamorgan parliamentary candidates live on BBC Wales. Oliver Hides hosted the debate with BBC parliamentary correspondent David Cornock, and the candidates taking part were: Kevin Mahoney (UKIP), Alun Cairns (Conservative), Chris Elmore (Labour), David Morgan (Lib-Dem) and Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru).

(Also standing are Alan Armstrong of The Green Party and Steven Reed of the Cannabis is Safer than Alcohol Party).

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PUPILS' INSIGHT INTO ELECTION COVERAGE



Twm Aled with Dave the security guard.

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We managed to snag a short interview with Laura, from BBC Wales, and we asked her about the purpose of events like this. She replied: "The importance of today is to hear views from all the candidates in the Vale, so that the public can all decide who they will vote for in the upcoming general election."

We wanted to get two different views from two different politicians; the first was Alun Cairns, representing the Conservative Party. He told us: "Days like this are important on two grounds, the first one being that it allows individual constituents to challenge what the politicians say and, secondly, it allows me to communicate with the community."

We then consulted Chris Elmore of the Labour Party about his plans for the Vale and Labour in general should they be elected this May. He promises that they would increase the minimum wage to £8 an hour, make companies



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Efa Cray, Indeg Evans and Twm Aled. pay the living wage and support young people to get back into work.

Steffan Messenger, from BBC Wales, is encouraging the use of #ineverknew to help young people to understand politics.

He told us: "By using #ineverknew, it helps young people to understand politics and eliminate most of the jargon."

We had an opportunity to use this hashtag to get politicians to answer our questions about their policies and the election in general.

Together with our fellow school reporters, we had time to discuss our future hopes and Tia had the chance to try on a pair of video recording glasses in a technology presentation.

Jack Tweddle and Joseff Nicholas

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Heritage bus trips are a hit in Barry!

RIGHT: A 53-year-old AEC Reliance bus which used to be part of the Devon General Grey Cars touring fleet.

These coaches had narrow width bodies to negotiate the country lanes in Dartmoor and Exmoor national parks.

(Photo by TUDOR THOMAS)

THE Cardiff Transport Preservation Group opened the doors of its heritage vehicle centre last Sunday at the bus depot in Barry for visitors, and ran free bus trips all day.

The charity group ran some regular favourite buses and among them was the 1964 Guy Arab open top bus that used to be owned by City of Cardiff Transport.

With the heavy rain on Saturday and on Sunday morning it thought it would be kept inside the garage but of course, the sun did come out!

Visitors were treated to trips on several different old buses and luxury coaches - like a former 1968 Neath and Cardiff Luxury Express coach that used to run between Cardiff Bridgend and Swansea in the 1970s and an older 1962 Devon General Grey Cars touring coach that used to take visitors over Dartmoor and Exmoor in the 1960s.

Mike Taylor,



our



The open top bus in action outside Morrisons in Barry.

(Photo by Paul Hamley)

chairman of the heritage bus restoration group, said: "The weather looked a bit against us with a wet early morning but the sun came out and everyone who came had a good time."

"It was nice to see local families with children come along, and I was surprised to hear that visitors had come especially for the day to Barry from Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Kent."

"We are now gearing up for our big event on June 14 when we are expecting lots of classic cars to come along to

Barry Island Festival of Transport".

The day was the first chance the public could see the last bus built in Cardiff in 1951, back after 23 years in South Africa. The next opportunity will be at the group's next open day during the big classic car and bus Festival of Transport in June.

Writer's play receives its premiere...

THE first play in Britain to deal with the 'War on Terror' will be presented by the Fluellen Theatre Company today

Thursday, May 7 at 7.30pm at the Taliesin Theatre on the campus of Swansea University.

The play entitled 'My God' involves two returned veterans from the war in Afghanistan, one a soldier, the other a British Mujahadeen who are trapped by an IRA agent and forced to continue the struggle in Northern Ireland.

The play explores emotions of fear, regret, love and loathing and is the debut play of Porthcawl-based

published writer Brian Roper.

Roper said of the play: "This is a serious play about a serious issue which claimed the lives of 435 British service personnel and hundreds of their enemies and which continues to this day".

The play is part of a showcase of new plays being written at the UK's leading centre for creative writing at Swansea University.

Centre director Professor David Britton said: "These plays maintain the high standard that we have achieved here over many years and are part of our award-winning output of fiction and poetry."

Annual plant sale

ON May 24, there will be a variety of bedding plants, perennials, annuals and vegetables at the annual plant sale held in Llanmaes Village Hall from 11am-3pm.

There will also be a raffle and cream teas.

All plant donations welcomed. Please bring them along before 11am. For more information, contact Jackie Wright on 07976698325, or visit www.llanmaesonline.com/contactus.

Romilly gets the seal of approval

THE Vale's largest primary school has had its performance judged to be "good" and its future prospects "excellent", by the national school inspectorate Estyn.

The inspector's report, which was said to make encouraging reading for parents and staff alike, highlights a number of areas of good practice at Romilly Primary and praised the children and the teaching staff.

Pupils are described as being very well behaved and enthusiastic about their learning, while their reading and writing skills are highlighted as "good" and their speaking and listening skills as "very good".

Headteacher Kelvin Law, who also plays a major role in supporting the improvement of other schools across south Wales, welcomed the report, saying: "We are delighted to have received such positive

feedback from Estyn, in particular that the strong commitment of everyone involved with the school has been recognised."

Estyn's report commended the wide range of learning experiences and consistently good quality of teaching offered by the staff and highlighted the rigorous tracking of pupils' progress. It also noted that pupils with additional needs received high quality support.

The governing body was judged to be knowledgeable, well informed and supportive, and acts purposefully as a critical friend.

Following the publication of the report Jennifer Hill, director of learning and skills for the Vale Council, said: "This is yet another good news story for education in the Vale. There are few inspection reports as positive as this and that is a testament to the hard work of Kelvin Law and all of the staff at Romilly Primary School."

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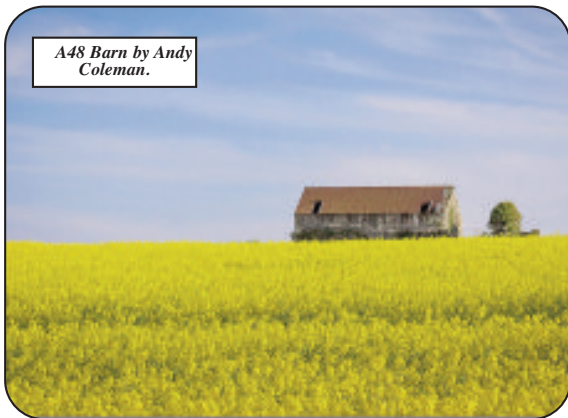
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Hayes 'Island' as you've never seen it before!

A48 Barn by Andy Coleman.



THIS month, there was something for everyone on offer at the Vale Photographic Club, with one of the most varied programmes seen for a while.

The month started with a talk by Jan Cawley, an experienced judge and past president of the Welsh Photographic Federation with an evening entitled 'What judges look for' - great not only for those wishing to enter competitions, but anyone looking for advice to improve their photography.

This was followed by

the return of an old favourite entitled 'Cled's Neg'. An event that traditionally started back in the days of film processing was given a modern twist. Members took the same photo - in this case a photograph of the Hayes in Cardiff, and using digital processing software, created a new image that simply needed to retain some of the original picture.

The resulting entries demonstrated creativity and skill, and provided much hilarity, including the Hayes transformed into a harbour, complete with docking boats! A really fun evening designed to develop your photo editing skills.

The month completed with a talk by local member Nick Thornton showing images from his recent trip to Chile and a competition entitled '50 yards from your front door' which really did demonstrate that superb photos can be found literally on your doorstep!

We're also pleased to announce that members Bridget Craddock, Nick Craddock, Mike Davies and Mike Baker all had images accepted into the Welsh Salon, recently opened by Jane Hutt (AM). The exhibition is now open at Barry Library (10am - 4pm) until May 30. Congratulations to all concerned.

For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over (16 - 18-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult), visit our website at www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening - we meet every Friday from September to July at 7:15pm in the Ystradowen village hall.

Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome.

ANDY COLEMAN

Anole lizard by Mark Lunn.



Poor toilet facilities

I WAS in Bridgend shopping recently where both public toilets were locked up and facilities in the bus station are also minimal.

What can it be like taking children there, and for the owners of private premises?

I think that I am right in saying that local authorities have had a statutory duty to provide sanitary facilities for the public for at least 100 years.

Will the Assembly please enforce it?
Robert Hubbard, Monkash.

Wildlife garden

LOUGHER Moor, in Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan CF61 2YT will be opening to the public under the National Gardens Scheme later this month.

The wildlife garden comprises ponds and woodlands, and was 30 years in the making - every tree and shrub planted by the owners.

The natural habitat, created out of what was a field of rye grass is now home to a variety of bird life, flora and fauna.

Opening information: Saturday, May 16 (2pm - 5pm), Sunday, May 17 (2pm - 5.30pm). Admission £3.50; child admitted free. Home-made teas.

Journey of a shoebox...

THIS Saturday (May 9) at Bethel Baptist Church Centre, Pontyclun at 10am, Mrs Denise Dickman, a volunteer with Samaritan's Purse, will be recalling her trip last December to Romania, where she witnessed the handing over of the many shoeboxes that were collected on behalf of Operation Christmas Child.

Those attending will also be given an update on last year's successful campaign, when 22,499 shoeboxes were checked and sent out from the Llandow warehouse.

Mr Chris Roberts, Samaritan's Purse assistant director of field ministries, will talk about this year's campaign and there will also be a musical interlude from a close harmony singing group.

Free coffee and tea will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

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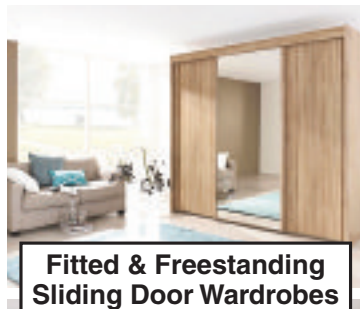
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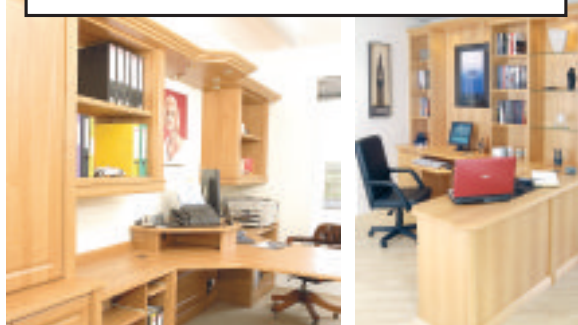


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Beth ydych chi'n ei fwynhau fwyaf am ddyddu canu ac arwain corau plant?

Mae'n bleser mawr gweld y plant yn mwynhau eu canu, yn gweithio efo'i gilydd mewn tîm, ac yn cael llwyddiant ar ôl gweithio mor galed. Rwyf wir yn credu fod profiadu fel hyn yn helpu plant i ddatblygu hyder a sgiliau bywyd.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi ac aelodau Côr Ysgol Iolo Morganwg a Chôr Heol y March am eich llwyddiant yng nghystadlaethau Côr Cymru 2015. Sut brofiad oedd y penwythnos?

Profiad bythgofiadwy ac emosiynol i'r plant, y rhieni a fi! Mae Côr Ysgol Iolo yn gôr bach ac ifanc, felly nid oeddwn yn disgwyl ennill o gwbl. Roedd llwyddiant Côr Heol y March hefyd yn annisgwyl, gan ystyried safon uchel iawn y corau eraill, ac rwyf yn credu fod y gystadlaethau yn un agos iawn y flwyddyn yma.

Mae'n rhaid i fi ddwedu fod y ddau gôr wedi rhoi eu perfformiad gorau erioed yn y rownd derfynol!

Beth sydd ar y gweill nesaf i'r ddau gôr?



Bydd Côr Iolo yn recordio CD yn fuan ac yn cynnal cyngerdd ar Mehefin 18 yn Acapela Pentrych (croeso i bawb!) i ddathlu ein llwyddiant yn Côr Cymru.

Bydd Côr Heol y March hefyd yn recordio CD cyn diwedd y flwyddyn, ac yn recordio "Senghenydd", gwaith Owain Llwyd i gôr plant a band pres i goffau y trychineb pwll glo gan mlynedd yn ôl, gyda Band Pres Melingriffydd. Wedyn yn 2016 mwy o gystadlu!

Gyda pwy fasech chi'n hoffi cael pryd o fwyd?

Er nad wyf erioed wedi ei chyfarfod, buaswn yn hoffi cael pryd o fwyd gyda Elin Manahan Thomas. Roedd hi yn un o feirniaid ansydddogol cystadlaethau Côr Cymru, ac rwyf wedi edmygu ei gwaith hi ers blyneddau.

Pwy ydych chi'n eu hedmygu?

Ar wahan i fy ngŵr(!), Euros Rhys Evans, o'r Rhŵs. Mae wedi cyfansoddi cerddoriaeth gwych i Gôr Heol y March – fe wnaethom berfformio dau o'i ddarnau yn Côr Cymru – "Suon y

Don" yn y rownd cyn-derfynol, a "Diolchwn i Ti" yn y rownd derfynol.

Mae cerddoriaeth corawl Euros yn arbennig ac mae yn wir haeddu cydnabyddiaeth am ei grefft.

Beth yw eich uchelgais am y ddeng mlynedd nesaf?

Wel cadw'n iach ac yn ifanc yw'r nod penna! Mae 'na lawer mwy i'w gyflawni gyda'r plant. Hefyd rwy'n gobeithio bydd llawer o'r plant sydd yn Côr Plant Heol y March nawr yn aros gyda ni i ddatblygu côr ieuencid yn y dyfodol.

Rwy'n gobeithio cyflawni llawer mwy gyda nhw ar lwyfanau Cymru, Prydain ac yn rhyngwladol. Wedyn efallai fe wna'i i ymddol!

Beth yw eich gwyliau delfrydol?

Mae John fy ngŵr yn ceisio fy mherswadio i ni fynd ar daith draws America ar "Route 66" o Los Angeles i Chicago, ac wedyn i lawr i New Orleans, sy'n swnio yn gyffrous iawn!

Neu gorwedd ar draeth yn Bali yn clonciau efo fy ffrind Kim sy'n byw yno, heb wneud hynny ers tro!

Le yw eich hoff dafarn neu fwty yn y Fro?

Rydym yn cefnogi tafarndai a bwytaf sy'n lleol i ni, yn arbennig yr Aubrey Arms yn Nhresimwn, a Bar 44 a'r Market Place yn Y Bontfaen.

Mae'r cystadlaethau 'Côr Cymru Cynradd' a 'Feinal Côr Cymru' ar gael i'w gwlyio eto ar S4C Clic tan Mai 23ain 2015.

Angharad

HEB os digwyddiad pennaf mis Ebrill i'n teulu ni ac yn gyffredinol o ran bod llygaid Cymru ar ardal y Bontfaen oedd llwyddiant rhyfeddol Eleri Roberts yn curo'r dwbl yn arwain cor Heol y March a chor ysgol Iolo Morganwg i fuddugoliaeth ysgubol yng nghystadlaethau Côr Cymru.



Ac nid mater bach oedd cipio coron Cor Cymru yn erbyn corau mor wych a Cywair, Parti Lluchwr, Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion a Bechgyn Bro Taaf.

Roedd llond bws ohonom yn gadael yn gynnar o'r Bontfaen y bore dydd Sul hwnnw, yn rieni prowdd a phlant yn llawn cyffro. Roedd y ffrogiau du wedi eu smwddio, a'r esgidiau yn sgleiniu.

Braint rhyfeddol oedd cael bod yno yn y gynulleidfa a chollwyd ambell i ddeigrin hefyd wrth ymglo i y sain hyfrydaf gaffod y gair ganmol gan y beirniaid rhyngwladol.

Roedd sawl un am wybod beth yw cyfrinach Eleri i gael plant a phobl ifanc i gyd-ganu mor swynol wrth berfformio darnau anodd o safon aruthrol o uchel.

Wel, yn ogystal a'i dawn aruthrol hi wrth gwrs mae'r sylw manwl a roddir i bob nodyn; yr awydd i wneud y gorau bob amser; a'r parch a roddir i Eleri gan y plant wrth iddynt hwy ddygu bod llwyddiant yn dod

trwy waith caled a disgyblaeth.

Dyma wersi bywyd a roddir iddynt yn yr ymarferion wythnosol yn neuadd bentre Llandunwyd. Diolch Eleri am roi'r fath brofiadau anhygoel i'r plant.

Yr unig uchafbwynt arall i fi ym mis Ebrill oedd mentro eto i redeg maraton Llundain. 26.2 milltir o arthau ond pleser aruthrol wrth groesi'r llinell derfyn mewn un dam.

Rhywbeth tebyg i gymryd rhan yn Cor Cymru am wn i, y misoedd o baratoi yn talu ar eu canfed ar y diwrnod.

A llongyfarchiadau eto eleni i Alun Cairns – nid yn unig am godi miloedd o bunnau at achosion da lleol ond hefyd am ennill brwydr San Steffan – y cyntaf i orffen mewn amser gwych o ychydig dros dair awr a hanner.

Da iawn bawb arall o Fro Morgannwg a lwyddodd i gwblhau'r ras hefyd a gobeithio eich bod chi'n mwynhau'r cyfnod yma o wneud fawr ddim a bwyta lot!

Adolygiad

CAFWYD noson arbennig gan Meic Stevens a Gareth Bonello yn nhafar y Windsor, Penarth nos Wener diwethaf, fel rhan o Gigs Bach y Fro.

Roedd Gwenda Richards yno:

Roedd yr ystafell gefn yn llawn i glywed Meic, un o eiconau roc mwyaf Cymru yn perfformio ei ganeuon enwocaf. Gan ddechrau gyda Cân Walter fe symudodd yn gyflym drwy'r repertoire - Gwin a mwy a merched drwg, Ysbryd Solfat, Tryweryn a Erwan.

Trefnwyd y gig yma gan Menter Iaith Bro Morgannwg a diddorol oedd clywed Meic yn diolch am y cyfle i berfformio i gynulleidfa Gymraeg oherwydd yn ei brofiad e, yn ei anaml byddai gig o'r fath yn awr yn cael ei gynnal yn y Gorllewin.

"Cei di ddim cyngerdd fel hyn yn y Gorllewin a diolch i bawb am ddod ma heno – ma ni'n cal hwy! ma yn dathlu ein Cymreictod, achos ma Cymreictod yn y gorllewin ar y ffordd mas." Dwi licio'r ffordd ma Meic yn galw pawb yn 'ti'... hyd yn oed cynulleidfa cyfan!

Wrth gyflwyno 'Gwely Gwag' cyfeiriodd at ei salwch a bod ei



lais yn gwella ar ôl tair blynedd o driniaeth. Roedd yn swnio'n grêt i fi ac yn amrywio o baled fel Bobby Sands i blues y Delyn Aur. Mae'r arthritid wedi dal ei afael ar ei law chwith mynte fe, ond mae'n dal yn gallu trin y gitar fel meistr er iddo cyfadde methu ambell i gord barre yng Nghan Walter. Ymlaen a ni a dechroedd canu 'Daeth neb yn ôl'. Ond stopiodd ar ôl dwy bennill gan wffio'r gan am fod yn rhy hir! Ma'r hiwmon 'na o hyd, Ymunodd pawb gyda'r 'greatest hits' fel Douanear, y

Brawd Houdini ac i gloi, Ar lan y môr. Newidiodd cywair ail hanner y noson gyda Gareth Bonello yn canu caneuon o'r traddodiad morwrol fel Bachgen Mam a Hiraeth am Feirion ac yna sawl cân oddi ar ei albwm The Gentle Good, lle mae dylanwad offerynnau Tseiniaidd yn gryf. Mae'n llwyddo i gyfleu synau y rhain ar y gitar yn arbennig o gelfydd.

Do, we ni di cal hwy! na – ac edrychaf ymlaen i'r Gig Bach y Fro nes a gyda Steve Eaves fis Mehefin.



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YSGOL GYMRAEG DEWI SANT

MAE pawb yn Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant yn gyffrous wrth weld eu hadeilad newydd yn datblygu!

Mae'r to, ffenestri a'r muriau yn eu lle a'r adeiladwyr bellach yn canolbwyntio ar y gwaith mewnol gan gynnwys y gwres tan lawr.

Mae plant Dosbarth Onnen (Meithrin) a Dosbarth Derwen (Derbyn) wedi cyflawni prosiect ar adeiladu ac wedi mwynhau edrych drwy'r ffenestri i weld beth sydd yn digwydd.

Meddai Miss Phillips yr athrawes Feithrin "Mae'n ddoniol. Bob diwrnod rydyn ni'n gosod y celfi a'r offer yn yr ardal allanol ac ar ddiwedd pob dydd mae'r plant wedi eu symud er mwyn sylu ar y gweithwyr.

Mae'r craenau a'r peiriannau symud pridd wedi bod yn ddiffrwch mawr!"

Mae'r plant wedi cynllunio murluniau ar y ffiniau pren sydd yn gwahanu'r maes oddi wrth y gwaith adeiladu ac mae grwp o staff a rhieni brwdfrydig wedi bod wrthi ers tro yn eu paentio. Roedd dewis rhydd gan y plant ac felly mae cymysgedd o Sali Mali, bwystfilod, morladron, anifeiliad y jyngl a chwaraewyr rygbi wedi'u arlunio!

Mae'r staff a'r plant wedi bod yn rhan o'r cynllunio o'r dechrau gyda newidiadau yn cael eu trafod yn ofalus. Mae'n rhyfedd faint o



drafod fu ynghylch â tai bach a'r cilfachodd cotiau!

Mae'r plant wedi claddu "Cist Cofio" o dan y llawr yn y derbynfa newydd sydd yn olrhain datblygiad yr ysgol yn ogystal ag adnoddau y ddangos cipolwg o addysg yn 2015.

Mae'r Pwyllgorau Eco ac Ysgolion Iach nawr yn ysu i helpu creu yr ardaloedd allanol gan gynnwys prosiect ar y cyd gyda'r Gymdeithas

Rhieni i greu llwybrau ffitrwydd ar y maes a rhaniroedd yn yr ardd.

Mi fydd yr ysgol bresennol yn diflannu yn ystod wythnos gyntaf gwyliau'r haf a'r adeiladau yn cael eu symud i ddwy ysgol arall yn y Fro. Mi fydd yr ysgol newydd ar gyfer 210 o ddysgiblon 4-11 oed ar agor ym mis Medi yn gyfer 52 plentyn o fewn seisiynau bore a phrynhawn.

Sêr Eiry – Taurus



Eiry Palfrey



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OS cawsoc'h eich geni rhwng Ebrill 21ain a Mai 21ain rydych chi'n Taurus. Arwydd daear, o dan reolaeth Gwener – planed serch a harddwch.

Rydych felly yn berson artistig ac ymarferol. Fe all pob ddiwyddyn amoch chi, wneud chi byth adael neb i lawr. Rydych chi'n hoffi'r pethau gorau mewn bywyd, bwyd da, bywyd moethus.

Rhaid i chi fod yn gyffwrddus, neu mi fyddwch yn anhapus iawn. Rydych chi'n hoffi'r wlad, byd natur, garddio a blodau, ac yn hoff o gael pethau prydfwrth o'chi cwmplas. Mae'n bosib eich bod yn gerddorol iawn, neu yn artist.

Fe allwch fod yn swil weithiau, ac weithiau'n araf i ddysgu, ond mae gennych gof gwyb. Mi fyddwch bob amser yn barod i helpu ac i weithio'n galed.

Mae sicrwydd yn bwysig iawn i chi, sicrwydd cartre, swydd, ariannol... rydych chi'n hoff iawn o arian!

Onid i'r gwrthwyneb, o dro o dro fe allwch fod yn styfnig iawn, yn enwedig os nad ydych chi'n cael eich ffordd eich hunan. Dy'ch chi ddim yn colli'ch tymer yn aml, ond pan fyddwch chi'n gwneud fe ewch chi'n wyllt!

Yn hollol fel tarw gwyllt! Dych chi ddim yn hoff iawn o droio pethau newydd. A fe allwch fod yn ddiog weithiau, a mwynhau bywyd cymaint nes ennill cryn dipyn o bwysau.

Tawreaid enwog: Gareth Lewis (Meic Pierce), Janet Aethwy, Dewi Pws, Barbara Streisand, Mary Hopkin, Syr Kyffin Williams.

Geraint Scott

CWRS SADWRN YN SAIN FFAGAN

Ar y 25ain o Ebrill, cynhaliwyd Cwrs Sadwrn Canolfan Cymraeg i Oedolion yn Sain Ffagan.

Roedd pawb wrth eu boddau yn cerdded o amgylch y manau hanesyddol. Ond yr uchafbwynt i lawer oedd cael siarad gyd gweithwyr yr Amgueddfa ac ymarfer eu Cymraeg. Roedd criw o lefel mynediad yn glynnu i'r hyn roeddynt yn ei wybod megis "Pwy wyt ti?" "Ble dych chi'n byw?" "Beth yw eich rhif ffon!" Dwi ddim yn siwr os oeddynt yn cael yr atebion cywir gyda'r trydydd cwestiwn!

Roedd y gwersi wedi cael eu lleoli yn adeilad Oakdale oedd o flaen Eglwys Saint Teilo. Roedd pawb wrth eu boddau yn cael eu gwersi yn yr adeilad hanesyddol, ac fesul dosbarth roeddynt yn cael ymweld â'r Eglwys. Cawsom wybod lawer o hanes Sant Teilo oedd yn ddiddorol tu hwnt. Fe'i aned yn 500ac yn Penalun, Sir Benfro a bu farw yn 60 mlwydd oed. Roedd yn gefnder ac yn ffrind i Dewi Sant ac ef oedd esgob Eglwys Llandaf. Roedd yr Eglwys Gatholig yn Sain Ffagan yn llawn cerfluniau ohono. Hefyd, ar hyd y waliau roedd lluniau amrywiol o storïau'r Beibl, gan nad oedd pobl yn gallu darllen na deall y Lladin roedd y pregethwyr yn eu trafod yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw. Ond stori Santes Catrin wnaeth ennyn trafodaeth y dysgwyr.

Santes o Alexandria yr Aifft wnaeth droi ei chefn ar baganiaeth i addoli y Iesu a Duw Cristnogol oed. Roedd yn dywysoges ac yn ysgolhaig, ond daeth yn Grigion yn bedair ar ddeg oed ac fe drodd cannoedd o bobl i Gristnoghaeth yn ei dilyniant. Ond, unwaith y gwnaethpwyd hynny, cawsant eu gyrru i'w farwolaeth! Doedd yr ymarawdwr Maximian ddim am glywed am hyn, felly aeth ar ei hól a'i danfon i'w marwolaeth.



Ceisiodd ei arteithio a'i charcharu yn gyntaf, ond methiant oedd hynny. Oherwydd ei harddwch fe gytunodd i'w phriodi os byddai'n roi nŵl at Beganiaeth. Ond, unwaith eto, gwrthododd Catrin. Felly, rhoddwyd ar yr arthaf gwaethaf, sef ei chlymu ar olwyn bigog a'i throli yn araf tra bod tŷn yn berwi oddi tani. Gwrthododd Catrin rhag ildio ac yn ôl y sŵn, fe dorwyd yr olwyn gan ei phwerau goruchnaturol. Wrth ddod yn rhydd gorchynnodd Maximian i'w filwyr dorri ei phen i ffrwd. A dyna pam fel arfer y gwelwyd cerfluniau o Santes Catrin gyda chlefyd yn ei llaw. Yn ogystal â hynny, dyna pam enwir y roedd tan gwyllt yr 'Olwyn Catrin'.

Roedd y diwrnod yn wych a gwnaeth pawb fwyhau yn fawr. Cofiwch, mae'r cwrs Sadwrn nesaf ar gael yn y Brifysgol ei hunain ar y 13eg o Fehefin. Mae cwrs preswyl yn neuadd Gregynog cyn hynny rhwng yr 8fed a'r 10fed o Fai. Oriau o ddysgu, dawnsio gwerin a canu ar gael! Ymrestrwch nawr ar learnwelsh.co.uk

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Cynhaliwyd Gŵyl Wanwyn Merched y Wawr yn y Bontfaen yn ddiweddar.

Daeth criw da ynghyd i wrando ar ferch leol Megan Morris, myfyrwraig yng Ngholeg Cerdd a Drama, Caerdydd, yn canu'r delyn yn feistrolgar.

Caefwyd sgwrs gan Huw Roberts, Llysgennad Sefydliad y Galon, sef elusen y mudiad eleni a chasglwyd £64 trwy werthu ategolion. Enillodd Eluned Scott Davies o gangen Tonynguboriau wobr



Y delynores Megan Morris

gyntaf am Fara Brith gyda burum a Gwyneth Davies o gangen Cwm Rhymni ar glawr llyfr.

Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddyn nhw a phob lwc yn Llanellwedd. Diolchodd Is Chwydd y Rhanbarth, Bronwen Green, i bawb am drefnu noson hwyliog a'r paned a theisn flasilus i offren y noson!

Canlyniadau Celf A Chrefft Eisteddfod Yr Urdd 2015



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Argraffu Bl 5 a 6: 2ail Mared Seeley (Ysgol Pen-y-Garth).

Mwgwd neu Byped Bl 7, 8 a 9: 3ydd Cadi Haf Rhys Binney (Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg).

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Geraint Scott

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There are so many specialists on the park, from heating and plumbing to home

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00475/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of a single storey timber shed less than 2.5 metres in height and with a floor area less than 15 square metres
Location:/Lleoliad: 7, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig Affecting 7, Pwll y Min Crescent, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00441/RG3
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacing existing 1FE Primary School with a new 2FE Primary School (Inc. Nursery). Providing Secondary School with approx 5400m2 of new build accommodation and refurbishing the main existing along Ham Lane. Remaining buildings will be demolished to make way for new 3G Pitch and MUGA along with associated car parking and landscaping.
Location:/Lleoliad: Llanilltud Fawr/Llantwit Major Primary and Infant Schools, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00422/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of a glasshouse, packing building, accommodation and welfare facilities
Location:/Lleoliad: Springfield Nurseries, Llandow

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Wimborne Road, Barry.

I give notice that Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £100.00 for a paper copy or free of charge for CD copy from Stephen Bowley Planning Consultancy, Ferndale, Tiddington, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2LQ so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 28 May, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 28 May 2015 quoting reference 2015/00360/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Wimborne Road, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyle Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.

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Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 28 May 2015 am ddilynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/00360/FUL.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 7 May, 2015

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Four-legged pals centre stage at Victoria Park!

PHOTOGRAPHS by ANGELA MAGEE

TEL: 07540 095908

FOUR-legged friends of all shapes and sizes were thrilled to get along to the Seventh Annual Charity Fun Dog Show at Victoria Park in Barry, on Sunday, May 3.

Ten 'classes' were held including 'fastest', 'waggiest tail' and 'precious puppies'. There were lots of stalls too – funds raised go to animal charities.

As you can see from local photographer Angela Magee's images, the event was blessed with sunshine, and the dogs loved being the centre of attention.



ABOVE:
Alfie, the spoodle,
and Skoobi, a
lurcher cross –
they both came
with their owner
Rebecca.



ABOVE:
Jackson the miniature dachshund with
Huw Jones and Jo John.



ABOVE:
German Shepherd Harley is 14 weeks old
and came with his owners Dan and
Nicola of South Wales Dog Walking Club.



ABOVE:
Buffy, a terrier mix, with Bracken,
a chocolate springadore.



ABOVE: Buffy, a terrier mix, with
Bracken, a chocolate springadore.



ABOVE:
Mona's missing one of her back legs, but
that doesn't hold her back in the slightest.



ABOVE:
James Gibbs with Dotty and Livvy.



ABOVE:
Jade with Oreo, a gorgeous
14-week-old cockapoo.



ABOVE: Dexter,
just six weeks old,
was at his first
dog show.



ABOVE:
Lois the Boxer – what
a gorgeous face!



ABOVE: Mr
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ABOVE:
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Ffordd Cwm Ciddy, Woodland Heights, Barry - £275,000
Four/five bedroom detached split level residence. Generous rear garden with areas laid to patio, decking and lawn. Driveway and single garage. Close to Porthkerry Country Park and beach and all local amenities. Ideal family home. EPC rating: D.



Maes Glas, Woodlands Rise, Barry - £249,950
Four bedroom detached residence within the West end of Barry. Accommodation: Hallway, Lounge, Dining area, Sitting room, Kitchen, Utility room, Conservatory. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. EPC rating: D.



Churchfields, Barry - £225,000
Four bedroom detached property situated within the East end of Barry. Comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen, Utility room, Downstairs w/c. Bathroom and en suite shower room. Gardens to front and rear. Garage and generous Driveway. EPC rating: D.



Blackberry Drive, Barry - £202,950
Four bedroom detached property situated in a cul-de-sac location towards the West end of Barry. Accommodation: Hallway, Downstairs w/c. Two reception rooms, Kitchen/breakfast room, Conservatory, Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC double glazing, GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Off road parking. EPC rating: D.



Westward Rise, Garden Suburb, Barry - £195,000
Three bedroom semi detached property Comprising: Hallway, Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway. In need of updating. Overlooking Porthkerry Woods.



Westward Rise, Garden Suburb, Barry - £195,000
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Lean to summer room, Bathroom and separate w/c. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway and Garage. In need of updating. EPC rating: D.



12 Southesk Place, Barry - £179,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lean-to conservatory. Downstairs utility w/c. Bathroom. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. EPC rating: B.



40 Oxford Street, Barry - £159,950
Two bedroom semi detached property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Downstairs w/c. Living room, Kitchen/dining room, Bathroom. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Double garage/workshop. UPVC d/g. GCH. EPC rating: D.



33 Enfield Drive, Hunters Ridge, Barry - £154,950
Three bedroom semi detached property in North Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, UPVC double glazing, Gas central heating, Generous enclosed rear garden. Driveway. Single garage. EPC rating: D.



Woodham Close, Barry - £136,950
Three bedroom end link property situated towards North Barry. Comprising: Entrance porch, Hallway, Lounge/dining room, Kitchen, Bathroom. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Detached single garage. UPVC double glazing, GCH. EPC rating: D.



Dyffryn Place, Barry - £225,000
RARE TO THE MARKET Well presented three bedroom semi detached in a cul de sac location within North Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen with all appliances to remain. Lean-to summer room. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway, Single garage. EPC rating: D.

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Queen Street, Barry - £120,000
Two double bedroom property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Small utility area and downstairs w/c. Bathroom. Rear garden. UPVC d/g. GCH. EPC rating: D.



Llanmead Gardens, Rhosce - £184,950
Three bedroom detached residence. Comprising: Hallway, Living room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Downstairs w/c. Bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway and Single garage. EPC rating: C.



Gladstone Road, Barry - £169,950
RENOVATED THROUGHOUT AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED Three bedroom bay fronted property, Comprising: Hallway, Dining room, Lounge, Kitchen/breakfast room, Cloakroom, Bathroom. Forecourt, Enclosed, well maintained rear garden. Garage. EPC rating: D.



Dovey Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £169,950
Well presented two bedroom link detached property in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/dining room, Conservatory, Modern white bathroom suite. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway and Garage. EPC rating: D.



Tynewydd Road, Barry - £167,500
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising: Open porch, Hallway, Two reception rooms, Modern fitted kitchen, Rear porch, First floor bathroom, UPVC double glazing, Gas central heating, Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN.



Wenvoe Terrace, Barry - £152,500
Three bedroom terrace property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Summer room, Kitchen, Utility area, White bathroom suite, UPVC d/g. GCH. Forecourt and rear garden. EPC rating: D.



North Walk, Barry - £149,950
Well presented two double bedroom semi detached property on a corner plot in the North of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/dining room, Conservatory, Wet room to ground floor, Shower room to first floor, UPVC d/g. GCH. Wrap around gardens. Gated driveway. EPC rating: D.



Kathleen Street, Barry - £141,500
Extended, four bedroom terrace property situated in the West end of Barry. Comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility/shower room. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: D.



Kingsland Crescent, Barry - £119,950
Three bedroom mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge/sitting room, Kitchen, Dining room, Summer room, Bathroom to first floor. Partial UPVC double glazing, GCH. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: D.



Beaconsfield, Romilly Road, Barry - £107,950
Two bedroom maisonette with views across the Waterfront, Bristol Channel and Somerset coastline. Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Living room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Shower room, UPVC d/g. GCH. Garage nearby in a block. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: E.



Longacre Close, Barry - £105,000
Two bedroom link property situated on the Glenbrook development. Comprising: Open plan kitchen/living room, Bathroom, UPVC d/g. GCH. Rear garden. Parking for one vehicle. EPC rating: C.



David Street, Barry - £99,950
RENOVATED THROUGHOUT Two double bedroom mid terrace within the East end of Barry. Accommodation: Inner porch, Hallway, Living room, Newly installed kitchen and ground floor bathroom. UPVC d/g. GCH. Enclosed, low maintenance rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPC rating: D.

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Mr Phillip Young – **Land at Ynyston, Leckwith** – Development creating floorspace of 125 sq m on agricultural land for agricultural purposes.
 Mrs Sarah Lavender – **Land at Maes y Fro, Llyswoerney** – To erect a polytunnel measuring 16ft x 24 ft.

Waverley Care Centre – **122 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Demolition of the single storey reception roof and the erection of a new first floor, including associated enabling work.

Mr Mohammed Siddique – **Deri Sant, Station Road West, Wenvoe** – Erection of a timber fence around the eastern aspect of the property adjacent to the vehicle exit gate.

Bellway Homes – **The Television Centre, access to ITV Wales Television Studios, Culverhouse Cross** – Variation of condition 7 of 2013/01152/OUT; demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes.
 Mr Rod Young – **3 Craig yr Eos, Ogmored By Sea** – Proposed garage with living accommodation above ref 2014/01117/FUL.

Mr David Meaden – **14 Llandaff Close, Penarth** – Single storey extension to rear of the property, roof angle adjusted to rear of property to allow for rooms within loft area, new flat roof porch. Walls to be raised to existing single storey front bedroom to allow for new loft conversion above. Dormers to be formed within the roof.

Mr Rob Ashman – **4 Voss Park Close, Llantwit Major** – Existing conservatory removed new single storey rear extension.

Mr Sid Gautam – **14 Clinton Road, Penarth** – Double extension to the rear including a basement with a single storey extension to the side.

Mrs Aisha Wardell – **38 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Proposed single storey utility room side extension and increased area of patio, bi-fold doors to the rear elevation.

Mrs Kate Rees – **15 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – New driveway on the front and vehicle cross-over.
 Miss Francesca Sanders – **Land at St Johns Well, St Athan** – Erection of 100 two, three and four bedroom houses and associated works.

Beechwood College – **Hayes Road, Sully** – Erection of three temporary portable buildings; Retention of three demountable units.

Five park Road Ltd – **5 Park Road, Barry** – Demolition of single storey storage building to rear and conservatory to side. Conversion and extension of existing dwelling to provide six self contained flats and provision of new vehicular access with associated parking and amenity areas.

Newydd Housing Association – **Former Magistrates' Court, Thompson Street, Barry** – Amendment to permission 2012/01114/FUL; change from 6 x 3 bed houses, 33 x 2 bed flats and 13 x 1 bed flat to 6 x 3 bed houses, 32 x 2 bed flats and 14 x 1 bed flats.

Mr and Mrs Kempton – **35 Cornerswell Road, Penarth** – Reconstruction of part of the rear of the property in poor repair.

Mr D Harding – **15 Hawthorn Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed ground floor bedroom, sitting area and shower room.

Mr and Mrs Michael Pratt – **Glen View, 99 Penlan Road, Llandough** – Construction of new two storey, four bedroom detached house in garden of existing residential dwelling house.

Mr and Mrs Michael Hammett – **Hafod y Gan, Ogmored Road, Ewenny** – Raising of ridge height with accommodation to roof, ground floor windows and internal modifications.

Mr Philip Hanmer – **Y Ffermdy Gwyn, Heol St Cattwg, Pendoylan** – Proposed glazed porch and veranda to side entrance.

Raymond Brown Minerals and Recycling Ltd – **Wimbourn Road, Barry** – Facility for the

recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals.
 Stavakis Consultants – **Former Friends Lodge, Hayes Point, Sully** – Conversion and refurbishment of former lodge building to a three bedroom bungalow.

Mr J Taylor – **White Gables, B4268 Llyswoerney to Pentre Meyrick boundary, Llyswoerney** – To replace existing extension with a uPVC white conservatory on the rear of the property.

Mr Rory McLaggan – **Tymaen Barns, near Ewenny** – Proposed to take up and remove a section of the existing cobbled floor in barn and concrete.

Mr Mike Harris – **46 Grove Terrace, Penarth** – Two storey rear extension.

Mr Jason Price – **Site known as West Pond, Barry Waterfront, Barry** – Amendment to layout as permitted by applications 2009/00946/OUT and 2012/00773/EAR including changes in house type, alteration to affordable housing provision and increase in number of dwellings up to 139.

Anne Brown – **Llangan Primary School, Llangan** – Demolition of an existing demountable unit and relocated replacement double demountable unit.

Mr John Homfray – **Disused weighbridge and office, Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge** – Construction of a detached laundry room and office for use in connection with the existing un-catered hostel accommodation together with associated engineering and other operations.

Mr J McCarthy – **Tynywaun Farm, Newton** – Single storey extensions to front and rear of existing single storey dwelling (resubmission of application reference 214/00111/FUL).

Mr A Jones – **Brook Farm, Llanmaes** – Amendments of site boundaries and location of dwelling within the site, new gazebo structure adjacent to swimming pool, and replacement storage building in lieu of an existing dilapidated railway carriage, house animal feed and small livestock/poultry.

Insite Poster Properties – **Unit E1, Westpoint Industrial Estate, Cardiff** – Erection of free standing advertising structure comprising two 12m x 3m LED digital displays.

Mr Owen Bull – **Torriddon, 3 Cefn Mount, Dinas Powys** – Two storey rear extension for new ground floor kitchen and first floor bedrooms and family bathroom. Single storey rear extension for games room.

Mr Timothy Whinney – **28 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Block paving to drive and footpath.

Mr Roger Edwards – **Amelia Trust Farm, Five Mile Lane, Barry** – Glasshouse.

Mr Geraint Spargo – **Boverton Grange, Mill Road, Boverton** – Amendment to 2014/00694/FUL; remove higher level of glass above doors and replace with block and render to match existing building.

Mr Steve Bussell – **26 Cilgant y Meillion, Rhose Point, Rhose** – Construction of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage.

Mr Adrian Chilcott – **38 Westward Rise, Barry** – Single storey rear extension to accommodate new living area (lounge and dining room).

Mr Christian Ogden – **14 Victoria Square, Penarth** – Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of new single storey side extension at the rear, alterations to existing detached garage, minor internal and external works.

K F Lee Executors – **Land at Cardiff Road/Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys** – Outline application for residential development, together with alignment of initial section of highway linking Cardiff Road and Cross Common Road.

Simon and Clare Tomlinson – **23 Cardigan Close, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear domestic extension.

Mr Keith Scott – **3 Greenmeadow Close, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear extension, loft conversion and roof alterations.

Mr David Jones – **Sunnycroft, College Street, Llantwit Major** – Retention of garage and car port.

Mrs Susan Sullivan – **24 Seaview Place, Llantwit Major** – Retention of double garage.

Mrs Geraldine Ridout – **53 Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed single storey extension to kitchen, new balcony and windows. Project previously approved, minor amendment to front elevation windows only.

Castledale Renewal Area Team – **238 Holton Road, Barry** – Take down the elevations to Holton Road and Lower Morel Street and rebuild.

Mr Glyn Jones – **St Johns Well, St Athan** – Removal of condition nos 22, 23 and 24.

BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB RESULTS

THE latest competition results at Brynhill Golf Club are as follows:

Barry and District News Cup: Winners, Andy Chick and Michael Murray, nett 51.

The seniors section, under the captaincy of Mr Ralph Thomasm,

started their season with a home win against St Athan on April 9, and a win away against the Grove on April 16 was followed by a narrow defeat away to Mountain Ash on April 29.

The club would like to wish Ralph all the best for the coming season as the senior section

captain.

The Daily Mail Foursome pairing of John Windle and Clive Cureton were successful in the first two rounds, beating Dinas Powys and St Andrews Major and we wish them well in the next round away to Wenvoe Castle.

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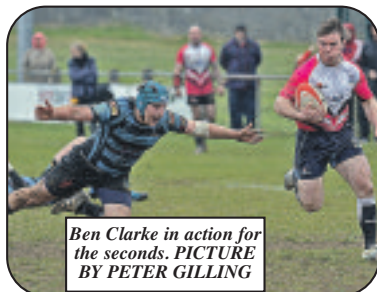
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Kenfig Hill Seconds disappoint in play-off



Ben Clarke in action for the seconds. PICTURE BY PETER GILLING

FOR the first 20 minutes of this league play-off semi-final between Kenfig Hill seconds and Llanharan seconds, there was no score with both sides seemingly equally matched.

For the rest of the game, however, Llanharan, with outside half Scott Jones at the heart of everything, controlled things. It became a poor performance by the Mules that included missed tackles, fumbles in the normally excellent backline and failed line-outs.

The Llanharan number 6 Owain Howe seemed to win the lineouts on his own and left winger Dan Thorne was difficult to stop. Eventually Kenfig Hill fought back with a couple of tries for wing Ben Clarke and centre Matthew Burnell but it was too little too late, the final score 25-10.

KENFIG HILL YOUTH 18 PORTHCAWL YOUTH 5

Congratulations the Mules' youth team who gained a hard fought victory over Porthcawl youth in the final of the Bridgend & District Plate competition.

The match was played at Maesteg RFC's ground and from the outset the Mules forwards just edged their bigger

opponents.

The game was closely fought throughout but the Mules had a better tactical kicking game and also took their few chances when they arose, including an eye-catching individual try from scrum half Connor Tantom who broke blind from a scrum 30 yards out to score in the corner.

Porthcawl replied with a try wide out with the final move of the game. DHD

Men bowlers win in the cup

AFTER playing friendlies during April, Llantwit Major mens bowlers commenced with the serious stuff on Saturday when they played Cefn Cribwr in the first round of the Carruthers Cup.

On a miserable day, Llantwit came out on top winning on all rinks, 89-49 shots. Graham Jones' rink started slowly, being behind until the eighth end when they took the lead which they held for the remainder of the game, a good win by four shots.

Steve Booker's rink made an amazing comeback after struggling to match their opponents up to the 13th end Llantwit then hit a purple patch, winning all but one of the last eight ends to win by seven shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink, Llantwit's strongest four on paper, had a close match up to the ninth end with Richard George playing well. Llantwit went ahead, winning the last five ends without reply to win by 11 shots.

Neville Young's rink were on top from the start with all the rink combining well with some excellent bowling to win comfortably by 16 shots. NY



Lee Williams leads the successful youth team. PICTURE BY JOHN HYDE

Latest news from the Bridgend bridge club



The winners of the John Raymond Transport Cup, left to right - Dave Reed, John Raymond presenting the trophy, Liam Sheridan, Glenda Roberts and Jim Hume.

THE annual event for the John Raymond Transport Cup took place on Friday, May 1.

Many congratulations are offered to Glenda Roberts, Liam Sheridan, Jim Hume and Dave Reed who emerged as eventual victors of the keenly contested teams competition.

The results for the rest of the week are:

Wednesday, April 29, teams event: 1st Marjorie Morris, Bill Turner, Rob Forman and Alan Heath, 2nd Andy Robertshaw, David Newman, Simon and Debbie Richards, 3rd Irene Thomas, Graham Jones, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

Thursday, April 30: 1st Frances Robertson and Stuart Davies, 2nd Frances Heslin and Dee Finch, 3rd Rosalie Clode and Arthur Harvey. Winners on handicap Frances Heslin

and Dee Finch. Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge. Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

Members can also take advantage of the 'tip of the week' on the club website, primarily to assist new players and improvers. This can be found under bridge lessons in the left hand menu.

TG

A NEW KIT FOR THE PENCOED UNDER-10S



ABOVE: Pencoed under-10s celebrate their new kit, while BELOW: The team in action. PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK



PENCOED RFC under-10s received a welcome boost this weekend ahead of the ever popular Festival of Mini Rugby at Pencoed Rugby Club.

The team, who train at the club and at Pencoed College, were provided with new kit courtesy of ITCs. The award-winning Bridgend-based company provide support and managed maintenance services for businesses and individuals across south

Wales and the west.

Technical director Richard Deere said: "It's great to be able to help a team like this. The enthusiasm and passion the boys have for the game is infectious. We feel like a part of the team too."

Coach Dafydd Owen added: "We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of ITCs. Mini rugby teams everywhere rely on the kindness of others to function. It's fantastic to have them on board."

JH

Bridgend Sports under-15s earn tour win over Burnham

BRIDGEND Sports under-15s produced a sublime performance to claim their highest ever victory against a vulnerable Burnham on Sea side.

The boys certainly gave a good impression of themselves against their English counterparts and bettered the home side in every area. The Sports had a squad of 21 for the fixture.

The Sports set their stall out right from the first whistle and it was clear to see that the fun the boys were having together on tour, reflected in their unpressured and exciting brand of rugby.

The Sports made a dominant start to the match and had all the early territory which set up the Sports for the duration of the game. It did not take long for the Sports to convert this constant pressure into points when second row Aled Steele crossed the line from a short distance

to score his first try of the season.

Shortly after, it was evident to all the spectators that the Sports were far the superior side to Burnham. This was backed up by the clinical nature of the Sports performance when Jamie Richards finished off a strong Sports run to increase the Sports lead to 12 points.

It was now clear to see that the Sports had rattled Burnham as they made a panic kick to touch which only went a short distance to touch. The Sports then punished the Burnham defence from the resulting lineout as the ball was passed along the backs to Morgan David who scored a converted try.

After these three early tries, Burnham were well and truly overpowered and out-thought by the Sports and this was epitomised by flanker Joe Davis who broke through the Burnham defensive line from the halfway line to run in unopposed to score under the posts.

The Sports soon

increased their first half lead to 33 points thanks to the captain Matthew Biggs, who received the ball at pace off the back of some effective passing by the Sports.

The Sports soon had to change tack and show their defensive qualities for a spell as Burnham eventually found their way into the Sports' 22. Burnham did look more confident in attack than they did in defence but the resilient nature of the Sports defence still outweighed the attacking threat from Burnham.

However, normal service soon resumed as the Sports scored a sixth first half try. This try was simple but effective as the ball was played along the backline to winger Brad Richards who scored his first try for the club in the right hand corner of the pitch.

Drew Price then superbly kicked the conversion from the touchline to send the Sports into halftime with a lead of 40 points.

The Sports should be praised for their second half performance because they did not take their feet off the gas even though they had basically already won the game in the first half.

The first of the Sports' five second half tries was set up by prop Theo Worrall who made a superb fast and powerful run to then reward Matthew Biggs for his excellent support play by passing him the ball to score to the left of the posts.

Within minutes, the Sports brought the 50 up on the scoreboard with a

try from Number 8 Calum Reape who has now scored three tries in three games. This try came as a result of the Sports attacking in numbers as some great offloading culminated in Calum scoring the Sports' eighth try of the game.

Yet, Burnham did not give up and were rewarded with a consolation try for their efforts as a consequence of the Sports failing to secure a dangerous kick over the top.

But this try did not worry the Sports one bit as they hit back almost immediately as Aled Steele showed good awareness to spot a gap in the Burnham defence to score to the right of the posts.

The Sports were still hungry to score some more points and Drew Price brought up the 10th try of the day for the Sports by scoring in the corner.

The Sports scored again in the last minute through scrum half Jamie Richards, who made a surging run to score to the right of the posts.

For many, the highlight of the tour came in the last play of the game when hooker Lewis Morgan converted the try from some distance to seal a massive 67-5 victory for the Sports.

Overall, the Sports enjoyed a successful tour both on and off the pitch and came away with the prize of recording their highest win - well done all!

TP

THE PENLLYN BRIDGE CLUB APRIL RESULTS

THURSDAY, April 2 (17 pairs):

1st Judith & Colin Nunn 62.01%, 2nd Margaret & Hugh Thomas 60%, 3rd Dot Williams & Pam Hanmer 58.21%. Thursday, April 9 (18 pairs): 1st Jo Ilsley & Allan Evans 58.24%, 2nd Rita Williams & Gill Harding 57.95%, 3rd Cath Domican & John Hunter 56.82%.

Thursday, April 16 (20 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley 65%, 2nd Diana

Lewis & Myrtle Hansard 59.6%, 3rd Judith & Colin Nunn 59.34%. Thursday, April 23 (20 pairs): 1st John Lord & Jo Ilsley 61.93%, 2nd Julia Evans & Brian Tucker 61.94%, 3rd Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 59.72%. Thursday, April 30 (22 pairs, first round of Robert Brown Cup): 1st Keith Price & Mansel Thomas 64.56%, 2nd Colin Easterbrook & Viv Roberts 59.55%, 3rd Judith & Colin Nunn 58.86%.

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GATHERIDGE (NEE DAWES)

Margaret Joan (Joan)

Peacefully at Barry Hospital on 30th April
2015, Joan aged 94 years. Former school
teacher at St Helens School, Barry. Beloved
wife of the late Doug, much loved Mum of
Monica and son in law John, cherished nan to
Chris, Phil, Jennie, Richard and Vicky. Great
Nan to Sam and Sophia, also a loved sister and
sister in law to Bernadette and Penny and
loved Aunt to all her Nieces and Nephews.
Resting at A G Adams & Son Funeral Home until
being received into St Helens Church on
Wednesday, 13th May 2015 at 3pm. Requiem
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Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

FARTHING

Lillian Florence Grace

Suddenly and peacefully on April 29 at Island View
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Barry. Beloved sister of the late Raymond, Edna,
Viv, Derek and Leslie.

Grace will be sadly missed by all of her family and
friends.

Resting at AG Adams & Son funeral home, Gladstone
Road, Barry. Funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan
Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry where family and
friends please meet at 1pm on Tuesday, May 12. Family
flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the
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DAVIES

Iris

Peacefully on April 25 at Royal United Hospital,
Bath, Iris in her 95th year, formerly of Colcot
Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Tom Rees
Davies, dearly loved mother of Kevin and Susan,
much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great
grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &
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cremation 3pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan
Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only to funeral
home, donations if desired to Alzheimers Research UK
c/o J W James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

THOMAS (nee Clemo)

Maureen (Mo)

Peacefully on the 1st May 2015 at the
University Hospital of Wales, Mo beloved wife of
John, dearly loved mother of Helen and Rachel,
wonderful mother-in-law to John and Adam,
much loved Nan of Sophie, Jess, Ellie,
Scott and Curtis, dear sister of Gareth and
the late Neil (Ernie) Clemo.

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She will be sadly missed by all.

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HORSEY

Alan

Pauline, Julian and Angharad would like to
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neighbours for their support at this sad time.
Also, thanks to Heather for the lovely service and
Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors.

MORTIMER-BROWN

Jonquil Amanda

Passed away on 25th April 2015 at the Heath Hospital.
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KERSLAKE

Malcolm Edward

Who sadly passed away on the 23rd April.
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SHORT

Christopher Albert (Chris)

Peacefully on May 2 at The Barry Hospital,
Christopher Albert (Chris) of Barry, A loving
father of Oliver and Sy. Chris will be sadly
missed by all of his family and friends.

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Cowbridge under-14s star in festival!

**LAST weekend,
Cowbridge under-
14s enjoyed a
successful May Day
bank holiday tour.**

Nineteen lads and 16
dads made the trip to
Barnstaple for one of the
largest mini and junior
tournaments in the UK.
The West Coast festival
of rugby hosts over
4,000 kids, ranging from
under-7s to under-15s.

Cowbridge were
placed in a group of
four, and first up was
Chelmsford. Cowbridge
got off to a flying start
with a convincing 30-0
win. Dan O'Sullivan
started the scoring with a
well-executed backs
move from an attacking
scrum just outside
Chelmsford 22.

Next Jack Dixon
gathered a clearing kick
just on the Chelmsford
10 metre line. Dixon set
off on an amazing run
resulting in him beating
six Chelmsford
defenders to score under
the posts.

From the kick off
Jack Little gathered the
ball and set Reuben
Williams off for a length
of the field solo try.

Cowbridge scored
three more tries in the
second half. O'Sullivan
scored his second try of
the game following a
quick tap penalty taken
by Ioan Williams.

O'Sullivan quickly got
his hat-trick try, when he
pounced on a loose pass
by the Chelmsford
scrum half following
some great pressure
from Iestyn Fenn.

Cowbridge's final try
of the game was created
by R. Williams, who
passed to Rowan Allin
who finished the try
without a hand being
laid upon him.

Next up were Builth
Wells. The teams had
recently played each
other in the Blues Cup
quarter final, which
Cowbridge won 15-0.

This game was no
different, resulting in
another 15-0 victory for
Cowbridge.

First up, R. Williams
burst through the Builth
midfield to score under
the posts. Then Dixon
finished off a slick backs
move to score out wide,
after receiving a superb
pass from Iwan Price-Thomas.

Finally, Allin scored
the try of the game
following an impressive
10-metre pass from
behind his back by R.
Williams.

Cowbridge's third and
last game of the day was
against Sevenoaks. With
the scores level at 0-0 at
half-time, the second half
saw E. Thomas cross the
line. He showed great
handling skills by
catching the ball with
one hand before side
stepping his way to the
line.

The second try of the
game came via Dixon,
who set off on another
one of his fantastic,
menacing runs. Dixon
side-stepped three before
out pacing the covering
defence to score his third

try of the day.
The final try of the
game was scored by H.
Ridge, who intercepted a
pass from the Sevenoaks
scrum half after some
great defensive pressure
from Ben Jones the
Cowbridge open-side
flanker. Final score
Sevenoaks 0, Cowbridge
15.

As a result of their
day one performance
Cowbridge were now
into the cup competition
on day two.

First up, were
Fairwater, Cardiff. Just
as the game started the
heavens opened and the
boys had to adapt to
playing a different type
of rugby against an
aggressive Fairwater
pack.

With numerous
interruptions from the
referee the boys
struggled to get their
game going. After a
fractious start, Allin
scored his third try of
the tournament finishing
off a great backs move
to score in the far right
hand corner.

With the game
entering the final stages
of the first half,
O'Sullivan burst through
the Fairwater midfield to
score his fifth try of the
tournament.

As the game entered
its final quarter, Iwan
Price-Thomas crossed
out wide on the left
following a powerful run
by Luke Connor. R.
Williams finished off the
Cowbridge scoring when
he kicked out of a tackle
by the Fairwater centre.

Fairwater did not let
their heads drop and got
a try of their own with
the very last move of the
game. This was the first
try Cowbridge had
conceded during the
tournament, the game
ending Fairwater 5,
Cowbridge 20.

In the final game of
the tournament,
Cowbridge faced local
rivals, Kenfig Hill.

Cowbridge opened the
scoring with a well-
executed tap penalty
move. I. Williams passed
to Luke Connor, who
showed great power to
force himself over the
Kenfig Hill line.

Kenfig came straight
back and levelled the
game. From a drop out
22, the Kenfig Hill
centre ran the ball back
the length of the field,
beating six Cowbridge
defenders in the process.

The boys showed
great team spirit and
courage to fight their
way back into the game.
At a line-out, Little stole
the ball and the backs
then put together a great
handling move to put
Dylan Hughes over for
his first try of the
season.

In the closing minutes
Cowbridge showed
incredible team spirit
and defensive work rate,
to thwart Kenfig from
crossing their line.

Final score... Kenfig
Hill 10, Cowbridge 10.

Good luck to the team
for their Blues Cup final
on Sunday, May 17 at
The Arms Park. **GJ**

Birthdays

Happy 19th Birthday
7th May

To our beautiful
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Hannah Sage

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Nannie & Grandad xx



Happy 19th Birthday
Hannah Sage

on 7th May

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Emily & Faye xxx

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Joe Price

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day
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Mum, Dad,
Scott, Emily,
Grandma and Popa
xxxxxx



Farmers head to Llanishen!



Sponsor Brian Lakin presents winner Clive Thomas with the Sigma3 trophy. Also in photograph Geoff Hinchley, Trevor Wooding and society captain Brian Jones.

LLANISHEN Golf Club, Cardiff, nestled in the shadow of Caerphilly mountain with its stunning views across the Bristol Channel over to the Somerset coast proved an ideal venue for the recently held monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

A near record attendance of 43 competitors were also keen to extend a very warm welcome to new sponsors Sigma3 Kitchens and Bedrooms, whose chairman and well respected Vale resident Mr Brian Lakin started this family business in 1975.

With many quality prizes supplied by the days sponsor waiting to be won it was not surprising that only two points separated the top four finishers with the overall winner Clive



An injured David Williams talking to runner up in the guest section Alan Husband.

Thomas coming from the back of the field to take first prize with 34 stableford points.

Missing a short putt on the final green proved costly for runner up Trevor Wooding who also finished with 34 points but lost out with an inferior back nine; Gareth Perkins with 32 points finished third and Ray Howells also with 32 points finished fourth.

In the guest section Geoff Hinchley and Alan Husband had the benefit

of playing on their home course to finish first and second with 29 and 28 points respectively.

Nearest the pin on the par 3 holes were Aubrey Bowen, Mark Rees, Trevor Wooding, Alan Husband, Julian Kelly and also society captain Brian Jones, who had only recently returned from a cruise around the Bristol Channel!

Dan Jarvis won the longest drive prize and society president Geraint Davies returned home with the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whiskey when correctly guessing 49 balls would fail to make the journey home. This resulted in £85 being raised for Ty Hafan.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at Fairwood Park Golf Club when members will be competing for the Shrieval Trophy sponsored by Mr Mark Rees and family.

Congratulations to Tyla Rhosyr, Cowbridge housewife Mrs Mearl Owen, for spending the last 50 years with husband Bryan and always making sure he is one of the society's best dressed golfers.

Nipper Jewell knock-out draw, second round: Martyn Edwards v Dan Jarvis, Keith Davies v Godfrey Lewis, David Williams v Trevor Wooding, Brian Jones v Glyn Watts-Jones, Geraint Davies v Jim Hayes, Aubrey Bowen v Mark Rees, Tony McCarthy v Neil McLean, Rob Llewellyn v John Davies - matches to be played by Thursday, May 28. TMC

It's 'walk rate' rather than 'work rate' as football veterans visit

AS the second match of their UK tour, the Victoria Legends FC is composed of players aged 56 to 75 in the UK to enjoy a friendly game of soccer followed by a chance to interact with local players, experience the rich history of the UK and sample real ale.

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Peter Denby, who is still playing at 75.

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ALAN ROBINSON

Local team visit CCS



RHOOSE Athletic Year 6 football team were recently treated to a day at the CCS as Cardiff City took on Bolton Wanderers.

The tickets were gifted to the team courtesy of Cardiff City FC Community & Education Foundation.

Although the result was not as we hoped the lads had a great time and took in some valuable tips in preparation for their first competitive season.

The Year 6 team are seeking players for next year's Year 7 football which is 11-a-side in the Vale league. We have attracted players from Barry, St Athan and other surrounding areas and welcome new and old players to join us as we continue on through the summer period, training once a week in Rhosce.

For more information please contact Paul Humphry on paul.humphry@live.co.uk or on 0770 009661.

PH

Friendly win for Cadoxton bowlers

THE Cadoxton season started with a midweek friendly at Windsor, Penarth.

Paul Swannick captained his first match, with a win on a closely matched rink. A '4' for the visitors brought the scores level on the fifth end, but the home side regained an advantage of 13-6.

This difference was gradually whittled away making the scores level once again at 14-14. The scores were still level with two ends left, which were won with two singles with Paul moving the jack on the last end for the vital shot.

Phil Ellis skipped his rink to a narrow one shot success. A four shot advantage was held by his rink with four ends left. Three of these brought success to the home side to bring the scores level, and another last end single ensured the victory.

Arthur Field and Ray Morris found it hard going in the early stages and it was left to skip Don Kuhnell to contain the deficit to just singles.

However the difference changed dramatically when Arthur and Ray drew four perfect bowls on the 13th end. The home side were unable to score again, with Dennis Hammond also giving good support, until a consolation single for the home side on the last.

Derek Brook found stiff opposition on his rink with the home side failing to score on just three ends.

Scores: S Clements, R Byrne, D Tuck, D Brook 3-21 T Evans, T White, S Ellard, P Moorish; J Stacey, A Prince, A Guest, P Swannick 17-15 T Owen, J Worlock, A Daniel, D Howells; A Field, R Morris, D Hammond, D Kuhnell 18-12 J Armstrong, R Ellis, D Rosery, D Hales; G Powell, D Fanning, J Ferguson, P Ellis 13-12 M Fullbrook, S Latham, R Williams, J Hardess. Final score: 51 - 60.

CADOXTON V CAERAU ATHLETIC The availability of players for Cadoxton's first competitive matches on Saturday was very limited and the 'A' side fixture had to be cancelled.

The first team hosted a 'Carruthers' game against a young side from Caerau. They are well known for the coaching of juniors.

Although they were two players short and conceding a quarter of their shots on two rinks, they were too strong for the makeshift team that Cadoxton were able to field.

Miky Banks, the coach for this young team, skipped against Don Kuhnell's rink, with two of the boys making a triple. They had an excellent game, but with Jim Stacey playing superb lead bowls they were always chasing the game and in a close game the home team eventually drew away in the closing stages.

Howard Craven picked up four shots during the first three ends, but this score

wasn't improved until two '4's brought them briefly back into the game on the 12th and 13th ends. Four more were added with 6 against during the closing ends.

Gordon Davies skipped a rink against Mikey Brain, one of their star juniors, and confessed they were much too good for them. The visitors took a 11-0 lead after three ends, this was reduced by four during the next three, but the remainder of the scoring mainly went against.

Roy Harding had Alex Brain in opposition and didn't get much joy, scoring just six singles in their defeat.

Hopefully a stronger side can be selected for future games, when more members become available.

Scores: E Heppenstall, I Heppenstall, D Hammond, G Davies 9-30; G Powell, P Swannick, P Ellis, R Harding 6-31½; R Cole, R Byrne, D Tuck, H Craven 16-23; J Stacey, I Robertson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 21 - 13½. Final

ATOMS REACH SEMI-FINAL

BARRY Atoms recently took part in a tournament in Abergavenny.

First up was a touring Scottish side, who looked quite capable with good technique and lots of pace. Barry started off very pacy themselves and scored after several phases, the ball ending up in Harry's hands.

In a man of the match performance Jack R scored the second for a 2-0 win.

Next up was the home side Abergavenny; they had some big lads who weren't afraid to mix it about, but then again so do we.

Scoring a powerful try through Anton and another by Jack R meant we won this game 2-1.

The game against Monmouth was going to be a real tight affair, with both sides unbeaten and vying for top spot.

Grit, determination and battling spirit got us through this game as Jack R scored the only try for a 1-0 win.

Looking like a future captain, Jack L was organising plays and right the way through out the side boys were stepping up.

In the semi-final we faced Caerleon, but we didn't play with the same intensity, and lost 2-0.

Squad: Jamie, Kaiden, Fin, Anton, Iestyn, Adam, Connor, Rhys, Daf, Jack L, Jack R, Taylor, Zak, Couchy, Ben, Ethan, Cai, Harry.

DD

Tennis is on the menu at local club!

THE newly-formed Barry Community Tennis Club has delivered on its mission to bring affordable and accessible tennis to the people of Barry within a few weeks of its establishment.

As part of the Lawn Tennis Association's initiative to get families on court together during its annual Highland Spring National Mini Tennis Month, Barry Community Tennis Club hosted free parent and child sessions at Romilly Park every Friday and Saturday for three weeks.

Each family attending received a booklet from the LTA and every child received a mini tennis goodie (wristbands, racquet dampers/grips or keyrings).

The club will also provide the LTA's newest

initiative, Tennis Tuesdays, which is fun, social tennis just for ladies, every Tuesday 7-8pm and with places limited, pre-booking is advised.

Forthcoming events also include the Quorn Family Tennis Cup on Friday, May 28, where you can get on court with your child (10 and under) to play doubles against other families on a mini tennis court, for family pride and prizes, as well as a series of Great British Tennis Weekends over the summer, in conjunction with national tennis events providing free opportunities to grab a racquet and get on court to have some fun.

For more information about the club, check out their website www.barryctc.co.uk or their Facebook and Twitter pages, email info@barryctc.co.uk or call 07816 311263.

Charlotte Breeze-s past the rest!

THE biggest cheers at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at misty and drizzly Lower Machen were for dedicated hunt-racing enthusiast Charlotte Breeze, whose eight-year-old bay gelding CastleGrace ran out an easy, 10 lengths winner of the open maiden race.

CastleGrace, which Charlotte bought at the Ascot Sales last year, was ridden by former national champion James Tudor who was chalking-up his 250th winner between-the-flags (he's also ridden 34 winners under rules). James, who hails from the Vale, needs 20 more wins to equal the Welsh record of 270 wins set by another rider from the Vale, the legendary John Llewellyn, who was a steward at the meeting.

James said: "This was a steering job really and a lot of the credit must go to trainer Michelle Harris." Another rider from the Vale who had plenty to smile about was Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, aged 26, who notched-up his first ever double when winning the confined race on 20-1 outsider Rainbow Haze and the young horse maiden on Moontripper, both trained in the Vale by Kathryn Dando.

The homebred Rainbow Haze, jointly owned by Michael Armitage and Kathryn's husband Phillip, handily placed throughout, won by four lengths from Mr Sawyer (James Tudor) and his rider said: "He jumped really well."

Moontripper, a six-year-old bay mare owned by Vale estate agent Anthony Brown, and who has been described as "a bit of a handful" held on by three parts of a length, after leading three fences from the finish from the favourite Captain Camelot (Nick Williams).

Racing got underway with a three-horse members' race and the favourite Ski Sunday, who is blind in one eye, finished alone after outsider of three Quiltime unseated her rider, Ms George, who was having her first ride in a point-to-point, at the third fence and then James Tudor departing from Heavenstown at the 11th fence.

Ski Sunday was ridden by 22-year-old Darrach Skelly from Limerick in Ireland who rides out for Vale National Hunt trainer and former national champion point-to-point rider Evan Williams.

The Subaru Restricted Open race went to the Croome & West Warwicks invader Annamutle the 7-4 favourite which made nearly all the running to win by two lengths from Andrew Leyshon's Distant Sound (Evan David) which had made a bold effort three fences from the finish.

Annamutle, owned by Alan Phillips, was partnered by Aly Stirling, aged 26, from Cirencester. Zara Phillips saw her Frankenstein (Tom David), who showed some early pace, finish last of the five runners.

Only three horses faced the starter for the men's open race and although the favourite Divine Intavention made every post a winning one under Mark Wall, Patricktomboru and Evan David tried hard to narrow the gap on the second circuit and despite making a mistake at the penultimate fence was only beaten by a short head. "He always gives his best," said Mark on dismounting from the 11-year-old bay gelding who is owned by Henry Wilson and trained by Francesa Moller and qualified with the Heythrop Hunt.

As for the unlucky Patricktom Boru, he will be going into training with Evan Williams to race under rules.

Keith Pritchard's Watch The Birdie, who had chipped a bone in her near hind leg which had got

into a ligament last October, was back to her brilliant best when winning the ladies' open race by a length from the favourite Cygnet, who had been held up by Jodie Hughes.

Watch The Birdie, who also won the best turned out award, was ridden by Hannah Lewis who said: "She's very excitable but she was a different horse today and that was fantastic." Wales' most loved point-to-pointer, Chesnut Annie, who had recently won her 40th race, trailed home in fifth place.

Watch The Birdie was the second leg of a double for Bridgend's Gareth Moore, who had also saddled Ski Sunday, winner of the members' race.

JAMES MAKES IT 251

Twenty-four hours after chalking-up his 250th winner at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, James Tudor, aged 31, made it win number 251 when winning the restricted race on High Hatton at the Radnor & West Herefordshire meeting.

High Hatton is owned by Cowbridge's Jeff Bird and trained at Merthyr Mawr by Jonathan Tudor.

At the Banwen & Vale of Clettwr fixture on May Day Monday, Omore-by-Sea's Nick Williams won the first race to be held over the new racecourse and described the track as being 'beautiful'.

Riding the ex-Rebecca Curtis trained National Hunt performer BoyFromNoWhere, the odds-on favourite, he came home 20 lengths ahead of Mumbles Pier ridden by Richard Patrick and trained by Jonathan Tudor. BoyFromNoWhere is owned by Alan Rhead and trained at Bridgend by Gary Moore. However, the day's riding honours went to John Mathias who won on his six mounts, a feat he achieved in 2011. He is the only British rider to have partnered six winners at a single meeting.

The ladies' open race was won by Highly Unlikely, who was ridden by Tenby's Charlotte Evans.

Connor Brace, aged 13, won the 138 cm open pony race over seven furlongs on his 12-year-old bay mare Molly, but in a close finish to the 148 cm pony race his Dont Tell Dai was beaten by Gollum, ridden by 15-year-old Isabel Hunt.

BRIAN LEE

'Terry Nolan Day' at Murch Bowling Club

CELEBRATING its 25th anniversary this year, the Murch Bowling Club opened the current outdoor season on Saturday, April 18, designated 'Terry Nolan Day' in memory of one of the founder members who established the club in 1990, and who contributed greatly to its development in the subsequent years.

This year, for the first time, the players were competing for the Terry Nolan Trophy, to be awarded annually on this day.

The club president Mrs Judy Fudge, men's captain Marc Hughes and ladies' captain Sheila Mauchline, welcomed the members to the open day festivities on a beautiful sunny day.

Players then chose their places around the green to bowl for the customary bottle of whisky, which was won by Terry Phillips, the men's vice captain.

The mixed rinks enjoyed an afternoon's bowling with the winning rink of Ron Crouch, John Evans, Judy Fudge and Tony Rice receiving the Terry Nolan Trophy.

Players and spectators alike adjourned to the clubhouse for the customary buffet and evening celebrations.

Barry Athletic celebrate their anniversary

THIS summer, Barry Athletic FC celebrate their 40th anniversary.

The club are holding a disco with buffet for players, officials and supporters both past and present at the Masonic Hall in Barry on Saturday July 4.

Tickets for the event need to be purchased in advance and are priced at £10; please contact Steve Heathfield on 07795 560476 or Adey Heathfield on 07886 074230. The club can also be contacted on bafc75@gmail.com.

AB

Rain stops play at Millwood

LAST Wednesday, Millwood played a friendly away to Barry Plastics; unfortunately no scorecards were handed in, but all enjoyed the trip and the game.

Saturday should have been an inter-club team friendly, but the inclement weather made sure that not a bowl was delivered. All members were quite disappointed about not playing, at least everyone

there was informed that this weekend games will start again in earnest.

The club side are away to Maesteg Welfare in the Carruthers Shield starting at 2.30pm. There is a meeting in the clubhouse, the time is on the sheet, while the A' side are home to Llantwit Major in the next round of the South Vale League. Again start time is 2.30pm, meeting in clubhouse is noted on sheet.

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Wolves go on tour to Minehead!

THE young lads from Dinas Powys Wolves recently attended the UK's biggest youth football festival in Minehead Butlins.

Playing teams from England and France, the experience was something the boys will not forget.

In the opening match, the villagers played local side Hanham Athletic and set about the English team with the sort of football we have seen all year from the boys, winning 8-0.

Their next match was against the bigger French champions, As Champs Sur Marne. Dinas started

the brighter and were camped in the French half for long periods but struggled to score against the bigger lads. A few decisions didn't go their way as the French team got the winner, scoring from a free kick.

Dinas now had two matches remaining on the opening day so it was time to dust themselves down and get back to playing football.

They certainly did this, winning both games, 5-1 against Bridgewater Wolves and 4-0 against Trinant Tornadoes. It was a great opening day with the boys playing the right way. What then followed was a night of madness

and laughs.

After a late night of partying, Dinas faced four tough matches on day two.

First up were Workingham & Bracknell FC, and this match went to the wire. Dinas peppered their goal but some fine saves and last ditched defending kept the score 0-0 with minutes left. However, this young team know that you keep passing and moving, chances will come and two fine late goals wrapped up the match to make it 2-0 to Dinas.

Now it was the derby match against AFC Rumney Juniors and this was certainly the best

performance the Dinas boys put in all weekend. The movement and one touch football was first class as they ran out 5-0 winners.

This set up a 'winner takes all' match against Chelsea Academy School. After a setback, conceding a goal from a free kick in the opening minute, Dinas were again camped in the English team's half but failed to convert their chances as the woodwork and keeper denied them. Chelsea then ran out 2-0 winners as their lively striker put the game to bed.

In the final match, Dinas played north London team Enfield Town, and what took place typified all that's good about these lads.

Enfield had been struggling with numbers through sickness and injuries so Dinas dropped their numbers to play.

It was a great match played in the true sporting spirit. At one point, a number of the Dinas players turned their shirts inside out and played for Enfield. The final score was 8-1 to Dinas.

It was a great weekend as the boys certainly put the Vale on the map with the football they played and the striking pink kit they wore. A big thanks to all the players and parents for making this a great few days.

DINAS WOLVES 10 - DINAS LIONS 4
This certainly wasn't a

classic performance by the Wolves as a long weekend of football looked as if it had taken its toll on the young lads.

Wolves took an early lead with goals from Harewood, Saunders and Hewitson, but struggled to get their passing game going as too many players were too happy to take everyone on. Further goals from Hewitson, Harewood, Booker and Quest increased their lead.

Wolves ran out comfortable winners with more goals from Harewood, Saunders and Pierra while Lions hit back with a couple of fine strikes from H Benson.

LS presented by his family

Barry gala brings out swimming clubs

THE first gala held for the Ray Sutton Cup was in 1995, the year following the death of Barry Amateur Swimming Club's longstanding chief coach and chairman.

Ray had been a strong supporter of the Barry club for many years and his work had mainly been coaching swimmers at the Cold Knap outdoor swimming pool or in the winter at the RAF pool in St Athan.

The cup was presented by his family

to the Barry club for inter-club competitions, in memory of Ray.

Last Sunday Barry Amateur Swimming Club hosted the 21st Ray Sutton Gala at the leisure center.

It was attended by several other clubs, Llantrisant Sharks, who brought two teams, Celtic Dolphins and Cwmbran. Barry also had two teams.

Barry ASC is currently rebuilding its team following the departure of several good swimmers, so this was a good opportunity to show the newer team members what club swimming is all about.

The competition was fast and furious and gave some of the newer and younger Barry members their first chance to swim in a gala.

The gallery was full of parents and supporters from all the clubs and the poolside was also a very busy area with the swimmers, coaches and officials milling around.

Our senior swimmers worked very hard and won a few races showing the newer swimmers what they can aim for in our next competition.

The 'older' quartet of

Ryan, Jack, Bethan and Georgia, who make up our club captains and vice captains all put in some excellent swims and helped gain much needed points for the club.

This was a fun gala with all the relay races made up of two male and two female swimmers, designed to build team spirit.

All the swimmers tried their hardest and we congratulate them all on their efforts.

At the end of the gala every club said that they had very much enjoyed the competition and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Barry.

Llantrisant Sharks were the winning club - they always attend our galas and enjoy the welcome and the friendly competition; Celtic Dolphins were the runners up so Barry didn't win the gala but had fun trying - maybe next time!

If your family enjoys swimming and would like to join our swimming club, do make your way down to the Barry Leisure Centre after 7pm on Mondays or Fridays - please contact Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784 if you'd like more information. SB

Atoms' tournament win

BARRY Atoms went into the Llantwit Major tournament in fine spirit and with a good attitude.

They took a squad of 20, and a player who came to support with a broken arm!

The following scores are all in tries, as there were no conversions.

Tonyrefail 0 Barry Atoms 1

This was a very tight affair against strong and purposeful opposition who showed good rugby flair. The try was scored by Rory.

Llandaff North 0 Barry Atoms 2

We played a determined side, not wanting to give up the ball, but they were no match for an Atoms side that were positive in the backs and powerful up front. Great team play resulted in tries by Jack Reid and Daf.

Rhydyfelin 0 Barry Atoms 4

This was possibly the least

challenging test for the boys. We bossed it and ran out easy winners through phase play well worked right through the ranks, leading to tries by Jack Reid (two), Rory and Fin.

Llantwit Major 2 Barry Atoms 3

This game proved to be the toughest test, and there was no surprise, as they are local rivals. Tries by Jack Reid and Rory made sure this tight affair went to the Atoms, and meant they would be in the cup final, having only conceded two tries all day.

Final - Tonyrefail 1 Barry Atoms 5

The Atoms were by far the best team here as three tries by Jack Reid, with tries apiece from Rory and Jack Norman, ensured victory.

Team: Owen, Jack R, Adam, Jac N, Jack L, Harry, Couchy, Iestyn, Rory, Mason, Ben, Cai, Ethan, Taylor, Rhys, Daf, Fin, Jamie, Anton, Connor; cheerleader with broken arm Eski. DD

Latest news from Barrivale

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club for April 21 are as follows:

First, Mike Close and Mick Green, 61.98 per cent; second, Denis Mottram and Jenny Vaughan, 60.42; third, Sean and Ann Macdougall, 53.65. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

Results for April 28:

First Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan 76.19 per cent; second Peter Millar and Denis Mottram 56.35; third Celia and Huw Thomas 54.86. Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively, beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address.

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Brian Lee's point-to-point recollections - 1983

THIS was the year, as our racing correspondent BRIAN LEE's press clippings scrap book reveals, that Cowbridge's own John Llewellyn made hunt-racing history by becoming the first Welshman to win the national point-to-point riders' championship outright.

'The 1983 Welsh season got under way with the Banwen Miners fixture at Erw Lon, Pencader, and the ladies open race was won by the legendary Sue Aston who riding Million Dollar Man, a horse which had run in the Epsom Derby six years earlier, finished a length ahead of Derrick Llewellyn's prolific National Clover.

Paul Hamer, of Bridgend, landed a first and last race double. He took the members' race on Anascend and division two of the maiden on Flashout, St Athan farmer John Thomas partnered his grandfather's 12-year-old Cottage Chest to a five lengths victory over the favourite Flap in the adjacent hunts race.

The men's open went to the odds-on favourite Brigadier Mouse ridden by Barry Thomas.

The reigning Welsh champion rider Cowbridge's John Llewellyn 'looked to have the

point-to-point owners association club race well and truly won when going to the last fence clear on Promoter, but took a tumble which left the way clear for the favourite Ashburton and David Stephens.'

However, a week or so later, my report on the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases was headlined 'Llewellyn Lands A Double' and read: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a double at the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases.

He took Gemmerley Jane to a two-length win over ex-hurdler If And When in the second division of the men's open, and partnered Matey to an eight length victory over Dance Master in division three of the restricted open event.

In the ladies' open, odds-on favourite National Clover had four lengths to spare over the pacemaking Little Trouble. Brecon's Brian Eckley won the maiden on Loch Raven and the members' race on Glynn Valley.

At the Gelligaer Farmers, Herbert Gibbon's Quiz Master set a record when winning the members' race for the fifth time.

Twelve-year-old Quiz Master, who had missed the previous year's race owing to injury, was ridden by Tim Rooney.

John Llewellyn was in fine form at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases where he won the first three races. He took the members' race on Matey, the open on Gemmerley Jane and the restricted on Garrigill.

Merthyr Mawr's Jonathan Tudor won the maiden on Bright Hope, while at the Llangibby, Joan Stephens, of Penhow near Chepstow, won the RMC Group Ladies Open race on Casha which won by 25 lengths from Drumman.

At the Monmouthshire, I reported that 'Violet Higgs' Magic Rock fell twice during the members' race and still emerged the winner. Magic Rock, ridden by farrier Andrew James, was heading Kanda Fair, ridden by Andrew's apprentice Rodway Heathfield, when it fell at the 10th fence leaving Kanda Fair with a clear lead.

Quickly remounting, Andrew chased after Kanda Fair, and was closing the gap only to fall again at the 14th fence. Not to be outshone by his apprentice, Andrew got back in the saddle again and rode with such gusto that by the time Kanda Fair had reached the last fence he was alongside him and, sprinting away on the run-in, Magic Rock scored by eight lengths.'

These days, riders are not allowed to remount their horses once they have fallen in a race. Bridgend's Gary Perkins had a comfortable win on Chevalgo in the maiden race at the Talybont

where Abergavenny's Mark Richards rode a double on Andryama in men's open and Ballybuck in the restricted. At the South Pembrokeshire Philip Mathias rode a treble with Celtic Hill, Zarzalitine and Flap and his older brother Richard won on Ferriter.

There were 233 entries for the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at St Hilary and under the heading 'Llewellyn Treble' I revealed: 'One of the oldest point-to-pointers in training - Rose Harry's 17 year-old Fitz - won the members' race.

Fitz, known as 'The Grand Old Man of Welsh Hunt Racing', was the first leg of a treble for John Llewellyn, who is putting in a strong bid for the national men's point-to-point riders' championship. Llewellyn also won the Open on Master Straight and the first division of the Maiden on Ashercan.'

At the Tredegar Farmers, where John Thomas won the restricted on 25-1 chance Gerrard's Cross, Crosstown, a 12-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Barry farmer Ted Williams landed the open race.

Ridden by Bassaleg's Tim Rooney, Crosstown took up the running approaching the second last fence and scored by four lengths from Scriven Girl.'

My report for the Penttyrch that year read: 'Shock Win By Shan-At 33-1' and I went on to say: 'Rhonda farmer's daughter Shan Morgan the Welsh women's point-to-point champion, rode her father's Ivor Hael to a shock 33-1 victory.

She beat Last Score ridden by John Llewellyn in the restricted open event. Llewellyn, however, landed a double with Brock and Mr Moneybags. Mr Moneybags put up a fine performance for a five-year-old when winning the Welsh Point-to-Point Grand National Open race in a time of 8mins, 21secs for the four miles course.'

Poor old Fitz had led over the last only to get caught on the run-in by Mr Moneybags to whom he was giving 14lbs.

Under the heading 'Cheers Bring Shame' I reported: 'In all the years I have been following point-to-point racing I have never known anyone to delight in the fall of a horse.

But last Tuesday at The Ystrad during the ladies' open race it happened. Some sections of the crowd cheered when Derrick Llewellyn's National Clover, who was leading Norman Jones' Drumman by about 15 lengths, fell at the last fence.

One can only assume that these 'hunt-racing enthusiasts' had backed Drumman and were cheering through their pockets. All right, so the fences are there to be jumped and one would not wish to take anything away from Drumman, who

incidentally had run in the Ladies' Point-To-Point Championship at Chepstow Racecourse the previous day.

But National Clover's owner, Mr Llewellyn, who has helped to put Welsh point-to-pointing on the map as a rider and an owner must have been hurt by the crowd's bad behaviour - not to mention the feelings of the rider, young Mandy Lingard.

National Clover, with seven wins behind her this season, needed that win to put her in the running for the Grand Mariner Championship as two horses share the lead with eight wins. Thankfully National Clover appeared all right after her fall.

Not so lucky was Gerrards Cross who had to be put down after falling in the earlier Adjacent Hunts event. Nothing to cheer about there, that's for sure.'

It was at this meeting that John Llewellyn took the restricted race on Western Princess and Paul Hamer rode a double on Red Vein in the members' and Yellow Jersey in the adjacent. However, Yellow Jersey was months later disqualified by the Jockey Club and his owner Geoffrey Hamer told me at the time: "Yellow Jersey lost the race because he was not in compliance with the general conditions of the race."

And finally, under the heading 'Llewellyn Brings Trophy To Wales' I wrote: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn made point-to-point history on Saturday by becoming the first Welshman to win the Daily Telegraph Trophy, which goes to the leading rider.

Llewellyn, 37 next month, brought his total of wins to 19 when landing the first division of the men's open race on 14-1 outsider East of Eden at the Torrington Farmers fixture which ended the season. And one of the first to congratulate on his success was reigning champion Peter Greenall (Incidentally, he's now a Lord) who, in the second division, partnered Cheekio Ora to a win over Llewellyn's mount Master Straight.'

Llewellyn's total of 19 wins in a season bettered Tim Rooneys Welsh record of 16 which had been set in 1981.

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BRIAN LEE

The Barry & District mens skittles league

DIVISION 1:

Barry Park B (R. Freeman 30) 281, Blue Monkey (T. Cloude 26) 279; Cavaliers (B. Stephenson 27) 287, Mighty Dockers (G. Collins 30) 301; Colcot Boys (B. Sullivan 26) 260, Ex-Serviceman (S. Smith 30) 278; Mighty Dockers (P. Bullagh 28) 266, West End Stars (D. Beattie 28) 284; Park Lads (S. Pavis 28) 243, Barry Park B (G. Goldsby 29) 271; Park Rangers (S. Dite 29) 268, Cavaliers (B. Kilgour 27) 251; The Hairy Lemons (R. Keene, D. Phillips 28) 269, 49's (R. McKay, D. Whittaker 31) 299; The Merryman (J. Geech 31) 321, Blue Monkey (R. Fox 31) 281; West End Stars (P. Amos 25) 202, Park Lads (D. Lambert 26) 224.

Division 2:

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Division 3:

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Bridge results

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for April 27:

1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 69.16%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Wendy Williams 56.49%, 3rd Tony Disley & John Evans 56.25%.

Results for May 4:

1st Liam Sheridan & John Beard 67.05%, 2nd Barrie Waite & Graham Norris 59.72%, 3rd John Evans & Steve Burgoyne 57.58%.

LE

MAY Day bank holiday weekend saw 197 people completing the inaugural Barry Island parkrun 5k race.

Starting at 9am every Saturday from the Eastern shelter on the promenade, parkrun is a free, timed, 5k (3.1 miles) run, using a traffic free course that is suitable for all.

Andrew Frayling and his team

have worked tirelessly over the last four months to bring this exciting new event to fruition and were justly rewarded with an exceptional first event that exceeded all expectations.

The course starts in front of the new beach huts by the eastern shelter before heading west along the prom towards Marco's before doubling back on itself rising up through the gardens.

It continues across the upper path on the headland toward the coastguard station before the fun' section. Runners then re-trace the route back towards the start for the completion of the first of two laps.

To find out more about the Barry event, including latest news, course map, results and photos, visit: www.parkrun.org.uk/barryisland.

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Everybody's on the run at Barry Island!

Dinas Powys GC ladies' results

ON April 7, an 18 Hole Jubilee 3s was held:

1st Maxine Hird, Sian Smith & Audrey Harwood 77pts, 2nd Louise Wilding, Ann Mahenthalingam & Sue Bridle 72pts, 3rd Lisa Ryley, Angela Brown & Annie Blackburn 70pts.

On April 7, a nine hole stableford was held: 1st Angela Thomas 15pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 14pts.

On April 14, an 18 hole Australian Spoons: 1st Louise Wilding & Pat Gosling 36pts, 2nd Angela Brown & Audrey Harwood 33pts, 3rd Sue Bridle & Annie Blackburn 30pts on back nine from Maxine Hird & Ruth Yates 30pts.

On April 14 a nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Kit Roblin, 3rd Terry Unwin.

On April 21, an 18 hole Medal Challenge

Bowls: silver division - 1st Sue Bridle 88 - 19 =69 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 92 - 16 =76 nett, 3rd Angela Brown 95 - 19 =76 nett. Bronze division - 1st Sian Smith 95 - 21 =74 nett after countback, 2nd Audrey Harwood 98 - 24 =74nett, 3rd Ruth Yates 101 -23 =78 nett after countback Annie Blackburn 101 - 23 = 78 nett.

On April 21, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Warne 16pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 15pts, 3rd Angela Thomas 14pts.

On April 28, an 18 hole medal 2: 1st Annie Blackburn 91 - 23 =68 nett, 2nd Louise Wilding 82 -11 = 71, 3rd Sue Bridle 92 - 18 =74.

On April 28, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Arne 17pts, 2nd Terry Unwin 16pts on back six from 3rd Angela Thomas 16pts.

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Pencoed land the league title after emphatic win



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



Captain Keiron Moore picks up the league title.
PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK

PENCOED clinched the Division 2 Central Championship with this win over Pontycymmer at the Cabbage Patch, in the process taking their season try tally to 146 in their 22 league matches.

The home side opened the scoring early in the match, going through several phases before outside half Marc Davies caught the visitors' defence flat with a well weighted kick for right wing Liam Halse to latch onto before racing over; Davies converted.

Pencoed soon increased their lead, a show and go from young scrum half Rhys Clarke took him over at the posts from 22 metres; Davies adding the extras.

Back row forward Rhys Pope was next on the scoresheet, capitalizing on a somewhat fortuitous bounce to race away from 30 metres; Davies converted. The home pack were responsible for the bonus point try, as sustained driving play saw industrious second row Ricky Somers apply the finish.

Approaching the interval good handling

from the home three saw full back Tom Cross straighten on to the pass as he has been doing all season to score from 35 metres, and Pencoed led 31-0 at the break, the proposed after-match champagne becoming a reality.

Following early second half driving forward play from the home pack young hooker Rhys Bargery drove over at the second time of asking, his earlier effort ruled out by match official Mr Mark Davies.

Determined running from Pencoed man of the match Rhys Watkins brought the seventh try, Watkins shrugging off a number of would-be tacklers from the 22 to score, and Davies converted.

Despite Pontycymmer's best efforts Pencoed added two further tries from Gareth Prentice, Davies converting, and Lloyd Ryland to bring down the curtain on a season which had seen the home side serve up a brand of running rugby to be proud of, with coaches Alan Cattle, Gary Refell, and former Welsh international Gerald Williams central to this. Congratulations one and all!

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It's Swalec Cup success for Bridgend RFC!

BRIDGEND produced a superb, hard-working performance, in beating favourites, Pontypridd, to win the 2015 SSE Swalec Cup, the first time for 25 years.

Leading up to the game, there was only to be one winner as Pontypridd had monopolised the league. Even accounting for the slip up against Bridgend earlier in the season, the league tables showed Ponty well on top, looking down at neighbouring club Bridgend, not too far from bottom place.

As you walked into the Millennium Stadium, the black and white army of Ponty supporters greeted you with 'Ponty, Ponty, Ponty!' confirming their confidence, as the leading club at the Welsh Premiership level.

The Ponty contingent, many in fancy dress, was full of smiling faces as they appeared confident on what appeared to be another occasion for more silverware.

How wrong they were! Bridgend seemed the only team in the game for the first quarter, with Bridgend players focused on proving the critics wrong.

Throughout the game, Pontypridd showed their forward strength but the wholehearted Bridgend tackling did not allow them to put too many movements together.

The first half was close but the second half was even more exciting as Bridgend were determined not to let their lead slip. The final result of 19-15 in Bridgend's favour was greeted by 'Bridge, Bridge, Bridge' with the

normally vociferous Ponty supporters looking on very sheepishly, but, at the same time, applauding a very committed Bridgend performance.

In fact, a neutral supporter would have found it difficult to judge which team were at the top of the Premiership. With one thought on the bigger picture of Welsh rugby, namely the Welsh regions, which players would not have looked out of place on the regional stage?

Certainly full back, Owen Howe, who gave a 100 per cent kicking performance that even Leigh Halfpenny would have been proud of.

Other players that excelled were outside half James Dixon who controlled the game well throughout the game and also tackled as if his life depended on it.

Tom O'Flaherty,

Bridgend's speedy winger, looked very dangerous each time he got the ball and man of the match, Andrew Waite, deserved his award for his all-round commitment in a pack row consisting of former District Schools under-11s players the O'Driscoll brothers from Heol y Cyw, with former Llangewydd pupil Waite another successful Bridgend Schools district player. Let's hope the regional spies were in the crowd.

Bridgend's try was scored by Tom O'Flaherty, with 14 points by Owen Howe (four penalties and one conversion) with tries by Aled Summerhill and Jake Thomas for Pontypridd, and a penalty by Simon Humberstone.

REPORT BY MARTIN GRIFFITHS

David lands a hole-in-one

A Porthcawl golfer will have no excuse for missing his next tee-time after winning a limited-edition BOSS watch for achieving a hole-in-one.

David Richards, 60, scored his ace on the 175-yard, par-three fourth at Pyle & Kenfig GC, and the 13-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative teepee.

He said: "I was playing with a three-ball and the hole had a strong headwind. I chose my five-wood, struck it well

and knew it was on the green; the ball kicked right, hit the pin and dropped into the hole."

The luxury German brand has once again pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition in 2015, after giving away more than £1m-worth of limited-edition timepieces since its launch in 2013 - with Richards is among the latest to achieve the feat this year.

In addition to the limited-edition watch, Richards joins more than 7,000 members in the BOSS Watches H1Club which offers access to exclusive benefits and merchandise.

Athletic cap off their season with fine victory



Robert Evans breaks through for Bridgend Athletic.
PICTURE BY GLENNSPORTS

BRIDGEND Athletic completed their season's Championship campaign with a bonus point 33-9 victory over Narbeth.

The team made light of difficult handling conditions in a game played in a fine drizzle throughout at the Bridgend Ford Brewery Field. Many former players turned up to watch and enjoy a clubhouse reunion.

The first 12 minutes saw both sides fall foul of referee Mr Simon Rees of Ebbw Vale with technical issues resulting in the sides sharing a 6-6 stalemate through the boot of Athletic outside half Robert Evans and his Narbeth counterpart Ianto Griffiths.

A poor Athletic clearance kick from inside their own 22 then saw Narbeth wing Neil Gale drop a goal for the Otters. The lead was shortlived as the Athletic set up a trademark driving maul from a five metre line out that the heavier Narbeth pack could not hold.

Long serving No 8 Griff Davies, playing his 214th game for the club, was the player in possession to cross for his sixth try of the season. This put the Athletic ahead at 11-9 for the first time in the game.

The Athletic pack then dominated the remainder of the half. The well-knit scrum with front row forwards Matthew Norman, Ian Holman and Rod Apsee were giving their much heavier opponents a torrid time.

Locks Tom Penry-Ellis and Lloyd Griffiths were prominent in the line out and driving mauls. The back row of Sean Williams, Griff Davies and the tigerish bottle-sized battleship of open side flanker Ben

Howe covered every blade of grass to dominate the forward battle. Scrum half Jake Williams was also giving his counterpart a nightmare afternoon.

This dominance up front allowed the crowd to see some excellent running from the Athletic backs. They scored a text book try with all that was good in back play to the pleasure of back coaches Stuart Morris and John Apsee.

Centres Chris Price and youth player Shaun Wilcox drew their opponents on the halfway line and offloaded with perfect timing. Full back Dan Howells made the extra man injecting pace into the move before again timing his pass to allow speedy wing Lyndsey MacAuland a 30 metre clear run to the try line. Robert Evans converted to stretch the lead to 18-9.

They nearly repeated the feat a few minutes later when flanker Ben Howe joined a similar move and broke into the Otter's 22, but the final pass failed to go to hand.

The Athletic rounded off the half with a penalty from Robert Evans following the Narbeth flanker receiving a yellow card for a high tackle in halting another Athletic attack.

The second period started with the Athletic again on top. From a ruck inside the Otter's 22, scrum half Jake Williams picked up and wrong footed the defence dummieing to pass before breaking clean through for a try under the posts; Evans converted.

Williams was instrumental in setting up a field position for the next try with an astute kick through. Wing Stuart Griffiths tackled the Otter's full back and when the ball came back from a ruck prop

Matthew Norman ran powerfully at a great angle to cross in the corner for the final score of the game and the Athletic's 10th bonus point of the season.

The final 15 minutes saw Narbeth come back into the game but the Athletic, with fresh legs in Darren Deguerre, Matthew Bennett and Aled Thomas now on the field, never looked in danger of allowing their opponents to cross the whitewash.

This was a fitting end to a campaign that saw the Athletic's fortunes completely change around after Christmas. Up to then they had played 12 and only won four with 18 league points. Afterwards they played 16, won 12 and only lost four games, gaining a further 47 league points to finish in eighth place.

It is hoped this relatively young team stay together and look for at least a top six finish next season. If they had played all season like the second half of the season they would have finished third. They beat every side in the league at least once with the exceptions of the top two, Bargoed and Swansea, who they also pushed hard.

The club would like to thank retiring forwards coach David Williams for 23 years of devoted and invaluable service following an illustrious coaching and playing career with the Athletic. The other forwards coach, Ian Greenslade, will remain along with John Apsee and Stuart Morris and team manager Paul Hearn.

Thanks to the Athletic Old Boys and Friends of Bridgend Athletic for sponsoring the fixture and to the Bridgend Ravens for use of their pitch and facilities.

AB